

U.S. Jews launch drive to block move for American arms to Egypt

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WASHINGTON — The American Jewish leadership was yesterday moving ahead with a major effort to block the Ford Administration's decision to establish a military supply relationship with Egypt.

Max Fisher, a prominent American Jewish leader who has been a link to the White House because of his Republican fund-raising activities, was due to meet late last night (around midnight Israeli time) with President Ford to express his concern that American Jews will bolt the Republican Party in the presidential election in November if the Administration goes ahead with its plans to arm Egypt.

Pro-Israeli activists on Capitol Hill, meanwhile, were busy again

yesterday discussing possible courses of action to block the Administration's proposed sale of six C-130 military transport planes to Egypt. The Administration, which has been consulting with Congressmen and Senators on the issue, has so far delayed submitting the official letter of offer, but it was expected shortly.

Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz was scheduled to brief the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations late yesterday in New York, and the primary issue on the agenda was arms to Egypt.

The Presidents' Conference, the Jewish organization representing 32 national Jewish groups, had earlier cabled President Ford urging him not to lift the two-decade-old arms embargo of Egypt. In the cable, Rabbi Alexander Schindler,

chairman of the Conference, asked that the President make his position clear this week — but Jewish leaders denied that they had issued an "ultimatum."

"The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a domestic pro-Israel lobby that deals with issues affecting Israel, has mobilized against the arms sale to Egypt. Last week it sent thousands of letters and memoranda to its members across the country calling for a strong stance."

Once the Administration submits its letter of offer to the Congress, the sale could be blocked by adoption in the House and Senate of resolutions of disapproval within 30 days.

American Jewish leaders made it clear again yesterday that they did not see in the six transport planes themselves a real threat to the Arab-Israeli arms balance, but were primarily concerned over the precedent and the Administration's insistence that it signaled the start of a formal military supply relationship.

Israel has already protested this Administration decision to Secretary of State Kissinger.

The decision by the American Jewish leadership to begin a major campaign against the proposed arms sale has stunned Administration officials, including President Ford's top political advisers who had expected only a pro-forma expression of concern.

Fisher, a Detroit industrialist, was expected to tell Ford that the controversial arms-to-Egypt decision would hurt his chances of winning



Shimon "Kushi" Rimmon being carried to court on a stretcher in Frankfurt yesterday. Rimmon, facing charges in the Frankfurt drug trial, reportedly attempted suicide in his cell before yesterday's hearing began. He was rescued by a warder called when another accused heard groans from Rimmon's cell. (AP radiophoto)

Beirut rebels take another border post

BEIRUT — Moslem army deserters took over another southern Lebanese garrison, on the western slopes of Mount Hermon, nine kms. from Israel's border, before dawn yesterday.

Parliamentary sources said units from the rebel "Lebanese Arab Army" occupied the garrison at Rachaya, a strategic town which controls supply routes from Syria to Palestinian bases in south Lebanon. Rachaya was reportedly seized without bloodshed.

The Lebanese Arab Army is led by Lieutenant Ahmed Khatib, a Moslem who defected from the army just before the Syrian-sponsored cease-fire began the current 47-day lull in Lebanon's civil war.

The sources said the attack on Rachaya came 24 hours after another group of ruthless Moslem soldiers seized control of a major army artillery base in the south, six kms north of the Israeli frontier, above Metulla.

The hilltop emplacement at Ar-noun has four howitzers with which the army deserters there could shell Israeli settlements in Upper Galilee.

The sources said Syrian truce enforcers, however, talked the rebels into abandoning the Ar-noun artillery base at the Crusader's Scar, far from the Rachaya attack, allowing them safe conduct to join Khatib's forces.

The first hint of the Rachaya attack came from Moslem Premier

Rashid Karami at an extraordinary parliament session that extended the legislature's term 26 extra months. The 90-man parliament's term expires in April.

Karami told parliament the Beirut Castle mutiny on Monday and "what happened later in Rachaya" were part of a plot to "partition the army into Moslem and Christian factions."

Meanwhile, President Suleiman Franjeh warned a chain of mutinies might lead Israel to invade south Lebanon and trigger a new Middle East war.

The army action cast a shadow over the mediation mission of Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khadham, who returned to Lebanon yesterday.

Street gangs broke loose in Beirut and Northern Lebanon yesterday, killing six persons and kidnapping 24 others, police said.

Two gunmen broke into the downtown Beirut office of a Lebanese businessman and shot him dead. Police said a Syrian worker was kidnapped and murdered by street gangsters who stabbed him to death, then burned another person.

"Generally, things are pretty tense in Lebanon," a Beirut official said. "The committee will review the progress of economic relations between the two countries. It will

Egypt-Syria rift seen widening

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Egyptian President Sadat is currently facing one of the most critical phases of his five-year-long rule because of mounting Syrian criticism against his policies. Middle East observers noted yesterday. They said Syrian opposition to Sadat was creating doubts inside Egypt, mainly within the armed forces, about their President's moves.

It was added that Sadat might soon embark on a large-scale reshuffle of his administration in order to save his regime.

The observers noted that the Middle East arena was bound to be affected by current developments in Egypt in view of the fact that opposition to Sadat was being focused on the conclusion of the recent Sinai interim settlement which Syrian President Hafez Assad termed on Monday night as "the source of setbacks to the Arabs."

Sadat was said to be facing a formidable task in rehabilitating his image both in Egypt and the Arab world where he has lost the leading role that Egypt held since 1952.

Correspondent James Markham yesterday reported in the "New York Times" from Beirut that "a tour of Arab capitals has uncovered a consensus among American and other diplomats that the momentum created by the Egyptian-Israeli accord in Sinai has dissipated" and that the initiative has now passed to Syrian hands.

The Syrians were seen to be pressing for a change in Egypt's

Middle East stance — a cause towards which Damascus was trying to rally other Arab states. In this move, the Syrians were concentrating on the oil-producing Arab countries which have just promised to salvage Egypt from its heavy debts, most of which are due to the Soviet Union's military and development aid.

In an unusual move, Sadat yesterday conferred with Soviet Ambassador Nikolai Polyakov whom the Egyptian leader has been meeting rarely in recent months. Cairo's Middle East News Agency last night reported the Sadat-Polyakov meeting but failed to elaborate.

Sadat's relations with the Soviets have been strained for some time over a reported delay in Soviet arms supplies to Cairo as well as the Kremlin's reluctance to reschedule the bulk of Egypt's \$14,000m. owing to Moscow.

Sadat's meeting with Polyakov comes before a major policy statement the Egyptian leader is scheduled to deliver to his nation next Sunday. At the same time, it significantly occurs following the reconciliation gestures which Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev made towards Egypt at last week's 25th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party.

Middle East observers yesterday noted that a reconciliation between Egypt and the Soviet Union was unlikely to help improve Sadat's image either in his country or in the Arab world at this stage, and that Sadat might not favour any such attempt.

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12 Palestinians, 20 Libyans are arrested in Cairo

CAIRO — The Egyptian authorities yesterday charged 20 Libyans identified as intelligence agents with plotting to harm the country, and security sources said 12 Marxist Palestinians were being held on suspicion of involvement in the same scheme.

The 20 Libyans were arrested on charges they were ordered to assassinate prominent Egyptians and kidnap two former members of the Libyan revolutionary command council who are in exile here.

If found guilty, the 20 could be sentenced to life imprisonment, prosecution sources said.

The three armed Libyans were arrested at Rome airport after arriving from Cairo and Egypt says they are part of the Libyan group held in Cairo.

are part of the Rejection Front which opposes any negotiations that acknowledge the existence of Israel.

The 12 were arrested at Cairo airport while on their way from Libya to Iraq. Although no weapons were found on them, they are being held and questioned on suspicion of involvement with the 20-man Libyan group, the sources said.

Libyan authorities are trying to exchange three of their subjects arrested in Rome this weekend for two Italians held in Libya on charges of spying for Israel, Egyptian security sources said yesterday.

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(AP, UPI)

Sterling loses ground; action likely here

LONDON — Sterling again lost ground against other major currencies in a flurry of late selling yesterday, just before exchange markets closed. It hit an all-time low against a weighted index of 60 major currencies.

The pound's depreciation from December 1971 levels against a growth of other key currencies reached a record 33.3 per cent from Monday's 33.1 per cent.

Against the dollar, however, sterling showed a fractional improvement, and closed at 19430 dollars

compared with Monday's closing rate of 19407.

Our Economic Reporter adds:

The two strengthened currencies are the dollar and the Deutschmark. Both the U.S. and West Germany show signs of recovering from the world recession. But Britain is still in the dumps. Though unemployment is high, inflation continues to run at almost 25 per cent a year.

Being linked to the dollar, the pound is upvalued by these changes. Imports from Britain will increase, while exports to Britain will be more difficult to sell.

Oil for Israel via Canal

A Liberian tanker has sailed the Suez Canal with the first shipment of oil ever to transit the waterway for Israel, a Transport Ministry spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday.

The tanker Gemini, carrying 20,000 tons of Iranian crude oil from the Persian Gulf, passed through the Canal Monday headed toward the Haifa refineries.

The ship was the seventh to carry cargo for Israel through the Canal under the terms of last September's agreement with Egypt, but it was the first to carry petroleum here since 1948.

Bomb found in rail station

NETANYA — An alert railway worker prevented possible disaster yesterday when he spotted a time bomb in the waiting room of the station here.

About nine o'clock yesterday morning veteran worker Aharon Shubmi, 50, noticed a large satchel under a bench in the waiting room. Acting on standing orders, he grabbed the satchel and ran with it to the safety pit provided for this purpose. A police sapper soon dismantled the seven-kilogram explosive charge hidden in the satchel, which also contained a large number of nuts and bolts to act as shrapnel.

The police have arrested about 80 suspects. Shubmi and his co-workers in the past have picked up many objects in the waiting room and thrown them into the safety pit. For the most part, however, the owners showed up sooner or later to reclaim their lost articles from the pit.

In Rehovot yesterday, a citizen noticed a suspicious parcel under a car parked in busy Rehovot Frug. Police dismantled the improvised bomb, made up of a large amount of explosive and a fragmentation grenade.

Police have arrested several suspects. (Itim)

Two slain, 200 held in Spanish strikes

MADRID — Police arrested some 200 persons in Spain's restive northern Basque region yesterday amid fears of new disorders after a demonstrator was shot dead by police during a general strike on Monday.

The tense situation that turned parts of the nation into armed camps was also reflected in southern Spain yesterday when a paramilitary civil guard shot and killed a man on a passenger train near Valencia. The guard said the man attacked him.

He was the eighth person to be

killed in the last two weeks in clashes between police and workers.

Heavy police security was clamped on the Basque provinces of Guipuzcoa, Vizcaya and Alava for the second straight day as friends buried an 18-year-old student gunned down on Monday by civil guards.

Thousands remained on strike. Non-government labour sources gave no estimate of the number of strikers after reporting nearly a half million idle in a "day of struggle" on Monday by workers to protest police violence and the government's law-and-order policy.

Spain's conservative, non-elected parliament met in plenary session in Madrid yesterday, but did not take up a draft law legalizing demonstrations, banned since the Spanish civil war ended in 1939.

Police in Bilbao reported arresting 50 persons as a result of the general strike against the new government. Another 30 were arrested in San Sebastian. Civil guards and rural police said they detained another 20 persons. Leftist labour sources said arrests totalled nearly 200.

The trial of nine military officers charged with sedition ended in upsurge yesterday when right-wing officers in the audience shouted insults at them and attacked a relative of one of the defendants.

The incident at the officers' trial came when the defendants — alleged members of an underground army group dedicated to quick and far-reaching change in the regime — were allowed to make closing statements. (AP, UPI)

Vatican denies change in views on Jerusalem

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican yesterday denied a statement by one of its own officials that the Holy See had changed its views on the political status of Jerusalem.

Father Pierre de Contenson, secretary of the Vatican's Commission for Judaism, said in an interview with Israel Radio last week that the Holy See no longer demanded that the city be administered by an international regime as proposed in a 1947 UN resolution. He said the Pope now wanted only international guarantees for preserving the status of the city's holy sites.

But a Vatican press spokesman said yesterday Father de Contenson was not competent to discuss political matters and added there had been absolutely no change in the Holy See's policies. (Reuters)

Record state budget passes first reading

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's record state budget — IL85,200m. for 1976/77 — passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday by a vote of 51 to 40, with two abstentions. It now goes to the Finance Committee, which will prepare the budget draft law for the second and final readings.

One veteran Knesset observer described yesterday's tally as "rather close." Besides the Likud, the lineup for rejection of the budget included the Tora Front, independent MK Benyamin Halevy, Moked, Civil Rights Movement, Rakah and the Israeli Socialists (MKs Arye Eliaz and Marcia Freedman).

A stir was caused on the floor after Acting Speaker Avraham Giveler asked, "Who abstains?" Only two hands shot up — both belonging to members of the Government's coalition: Chaika Grossman of Mapam and Avraham Melamed of the National Religious Party.

Chaika Grossman boiled party discipline because the budget cuts too much from public services, she told The Jerusalem Post after the vote. Melamed said his abstention was to protest the budget division's refusal to set aside IL2,000m. in a special reserve fund to be used in event of mass unemployment or other urgent social need.

At the sight of Melamed's abstention, Coalition Whip Moshe Wertman jumped out of his seat and rushed over to the NRP member apparently to berate him.

But Melamed shrugged his shoulders and pointed to Mrs. Grossman implying: If a Mapam partner can go against the tide, so can an NRP representative.

The House, by a similar vote, also passed the proposed interim budget, to cover the period until the beginning of the budget year on April 1.

In his remarks before the vote, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz predicted a drop of between two and three per cent in per capita private consumption next year.

"This is significant," he said, "since the import component in the goods we consume is 33 per cent. A reduction of two to three per cent in our use of these goods represents an annual saving of \$800m. This is an impressive sum when you consider our current foreign currency reserves stand at \$1,000m."

Mr. Rabinowitz estimated the Government's tax revenues will grow by IL11,500m. during the coming budget year, and overall income from levies — including the new Value Added Tax — will reach approximately IL44,000m.

Israeli fuel-saving device tried on car engine

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

A new fuel-saving type of car engine and transmission, invented and patented in Israel, could spell an important advance in motor manufacturing the world over.

A Mercedes minibus is currently being re-equipped in a Jerusalem workshop. It will feature these devices at an exhibition in Dusseldorf, Germany, next September.

Your correspondent stumbled across the information when he scanned a briefing paper prepared for the delegation of West German industrialists due to arrive in Lod today.

The development work is being done by a 40-man Electrical Vehicles Project (EVP), set up four years ago by Professor Zvi Tavor, under the auspices of the Scientific Research Foundation which he heads. The Foundation is privately financed.

The intention at first was to try out a new idea thought up by Tavor (creator of the domestic solar-energy heater, and the mini-turbine) for the production of an electric car. Under the leadership of Dan Locker, the EVP has taken the technique considerably further, offering not only a viable electric car, but also a revolutionary develop-

ment of the petrol-driven vehicle. The problem that has baffled motor manufacturers in all countries since the turn of the century is that a normal-sized battery can power a car for 100 kms. — if it runs on the flat, without slowing down or accelerating. In town, where there is a stop at every traffic-light, the battery will last only 15 kms, which is pointless.

What uses up engine-power is acceleration. Tavor's idea was to combine electrical energy with mechanical energy. The battery would provide ordinary running-power, while a small flywheel supplies the extra force for acceleration. This flywheel would build up its momentum during slowdowns; because application of the brakes feeds energy back into the flywheel system. Locker takes up the story from there. Prodded by necessity, the EVP had developed a continuously-variable automatic transmission, unique for the extent of its range. (It has an input-output ratio of 15 to 1, as against 4 to 1 in the celebrated Daf transmission).

The combination of flywheel and variable transmission saves electricity — and could save petrol too. Says Locker: "You need only 14 horse-power to travel at 80 kms. an hour. But you need 80 horse-power to speed up to 80 k.p.h.

"If a flywheel does the accelerating, a car could achieve the same performance using half the engine size, and consuming half the petrol." This is the unit — flywheel, motor and variable transmission — which is being fitted into the Mercedes mini-bus at this moment. "We tried it all on a Sussita before. This is our third-generation vehicle," he smiled.

There are advantages apart from the fuel economy. Acceleration is as fast as car parts and the tyres can stand. And the pollution caused by cars today would be reduced to a minimum.

Disadvantage is that the flywheel gives out when the car is climbing a long, steep hill. "Half way up Castel, for example, you would have to fall back on your engine which, being smaller, naturally gives you less speed. But how often do you face that kind of climb?" he said.

Since the biggest saving is in city centres, the EVP is concentrating its attention, for both the electrical and internal combustion engines, on vehicles that operate inside cities — delivery vans, buses (both mini and full size) and taxis.

Locker leaves tomorrow for the U.S. where he is to hold talks with motor manufacturing firms on this project.

42 die in Alps crash

TRENTO — A cable car broke loose and fell 60 metres in the Alps near this northern Italian city yesterday, killing 42 persons, police said. Six others were injured. (AP)

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THE WEATHER

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Weather synopsis: weak trough over E. Mediterranean.

Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem 55	7-14	7-12
Golan 58	8-15	8-12
Nahariya 74	13-20	9-17
Safed 80	8-14	6-12
Kichia Port 69	14-18	10-17
Thessalon 69	14-18	10-17
Nazareth 69	11-17	9-15
Afula 62	11-19	9-16
Shomron 71	10-16	8-14
Tel Aviv 78	15-23	10-17
B.G. Airport 46	11-20	7-15
Jericho 49	13-23	9-20
Gaza 73	11-29	10-18
Beersheba 67	12-20	8-18
Silat 37	16-27	16-24
Tiran Straits 24	17-26	17-25

Social and Personal

Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen met with the Ambassador of the Netherlands, Christiaan Arrhenius, in his Jerusalem office yesterday.

The State Comptroller, Dr. Itzhak Nebeim, met yesterday with Sheikh Amin Tarif, spiritual leader of the Druze community in Israel.

Income Tax Commissioner Yitzhak Mann will speak at the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, 1 p.m. today, on "Tax Collection as a Service to the Citizen."

Martin Miller, investment counselor at Bank Leumi, will lecture on "Investment in Israeli Debentures and Shares" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, 1 p.m. today, at the YMCA.

Werner Kagi, Professor of Constitutional Law, International Public Law, and Ecclesiastical Law at Zurich University, will lecture on "Jews, Israel, the United Nations, and Human Rights" today, March 10, 1976, at 8:30 p.m., at the Israel Academy of Sciences, 43 Rehov Jabotinsky, Jerusalem. The lecture will be delivered under the joint auspices of the Israel-Switzerland Friendship League and the Hebrew University.

Prof. Kagi, a staunch supporter and defender of Israel's right to exist, actively participated in and delivered a major and widely acclaimed speech at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Hebrew University, recently held in Zurich. (Communicated)

ARRIVALS

Sam Rothberg, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, for a brief visit on university business.

Mechulam Rath, economic counselor at the Israeli Embassy in Bonn, to accompany the delegation of the President of the German Association of German Industry (BDI).

Harriet Zimmerman of Atlanta, at the head of a UJA Women's Division Mission.

Seymour R. Levine, U.S. national chairman, Keren Yildemur, Max Reishen, national director of Keren Yildemur, and Mrs. Hershman; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brokman; Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Kahn; Mr. and Mrs. E. Landau; Mrs. Wita Landau; Mrs. Jacob Goldberg; Mrs. A. Harry Skydell; Mrs. Abraham Annenbaum; New York City; Mrs. George Aronson; John Carson; Mrs. Orlowitz; Mrs. Joseph Weiner; Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Klein; Seattle; Mrs. Gloria Ostrach; Miss Judith Ostrach; Mrs. Shirley Tenner; Cleveland; Nathan Ostrov of Miami Beach; and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lasser, Baltimore — to participate in a conference and dedication celebration of Keren Yildemur centres.

DEPARTURES

Canadian Urban Affairs Minister Barnett Jerome Dumas, to the Middle East.

Meshel, EEC confer on Arab-Market talks

By JACK MAURICE

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LUXEMBOURG. — Premier and Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn said here yesterday that he will make every effort to insure that Israel is not a target of discrimination by the nine Common Market countries during their upcoming talks on trade and financial ties with Arab states.

Thorn, who is about to begin a six-month term as chairman of the EEC's Council of Ministers, will preside over the first of a series of such talks next month.

The Premier gave his assurances to Israel during a one-hour meeting with Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel. Meshel is on a five-day visit to the Grand Duchy as a guest of its Socialist Trade Union (CGT) and to attend an Executive Board session of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

Thorn told Meshel that he fully appreciates Israel's balance-of-trade difficulties, which currently are \$1.3b. in the EEC's favour.

Meshel said, "Until a Middle East common market exists, Israel will remain a part of the European market. Europe must understand our difficulties, however, as we are buying more and more and selling less and less."

Thorn recalled that when he had presided over the UN General Assembly debate which had equated Zionism with racism, he had con-

demned the resolution in the name of his government.

He urged Israel to recognize as a fact of political life the Arabs' introduction of the Palestine Liberation Organization into every international forum.

He agreed Israel could not countenance an organization whose slogan was the destruction of Israel, but he suggested Israel adopt a more positive approach by proposing a Middle East solution of its own, rather than reacting to proposals from others.

Thorn stressed that politics are always in a state of flux, and standing still could not help Israel.

When Meshel replied that Israel could not understand how the world could tolerate the PLO, Thorn said history was full of examples of foes eventually turning into friends.

Thorn warmly agreed with Meshel's argument that if small countries — such as Luxembourg and Israel — took a joint stand on world issues, the voices of the superpowers would count for less.

Later Meshel told The Jerusalem Post: "I found a very warm feeling toward Israel. Although we disagreed about the PLO, Mr. Thorn's attitude toward us was positive."

The meeting was also attended by the Luxembourg Parliament's Socialist Vice-President, Rene Hengel, and Socialist Trade Union leader Pons Hildgen, as well as the Histadrut's European representatives.

Labour Party expects conflict over 'forum'

By SHAYLA SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party leadership bureau, scheduled to meet tomorrow, has "preparations for the party convention" on its agenda. Golda Meir is expected to attend the session, the first since the steering forum came into existence last week.

Party members expect some friction over remarks made by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Labour Party Secretary-General Meir Zarmi in the party's "Migvan" monthly, published this week by Beit Berl.

Rabin said in an interview with the editors that Gush Emunim, the nationalist-religious group which is urging settlement in Samaria and Judea, was a grave danger to the Labour Party and to democracy. The party had to take a clear stand in the matter, he said.

Formulating a position might require a "bug of war" with Defence Minister Shimon Peres. His ideas on settlement are totally opposed to those of the party "doves" and his efforts have permitted Gush Emunim activists to stay in the army's camp Kadum for the past two months.

Rabin also said party key men would have to decide whether to remain in the party or go over to the right. The Prime Minister did not mention names, but presumably referred to Moshe Dayan and his close associates.

Zarmi, in explaining why a steering forum was necessary, noted that Foreign Minister Yigal Allon had failed to consult his party before appointing Prof. Shlomo Avineri Director-General of his Ministry. Zarmi said the party members worried about Allon's "willfully ignoring the informal procedures prevailing in the party."

It had been a practice to preface key nominations with open discussions among party colleagues. "Not only was party prestige dimmed,

but government authority was weakened," Zarmi wrote.

Sources close to Zarmi commented that his essay came "before the deluge" — before the steering forum was set up. They said party life had begun anew last Friday. But the sources clearly ignored the possible reaction of the Young Guard, left-wingers of the trade union leadership, who have been excluded from the forum.

NRP merger controls 37% of party votes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "The Movement for National Religious Rejuvenation" will come into being today with the merger of Zerah Hammar's Young Guard and Zerah Wachshag's Central Faction in the National Religious Party. The joint faction musters 37 per cent of the total membership of the party convention. Yosef Burg's faction, Lamifneh, with 27 per cent, will thus be relegated to second place.

The sponsors of the new faction also expect to attract a number of non-affiliated "members," such as former Knesset Member Rabbi Zvi Neriva and Rabbi Haim Druckman, head of the Etzion Yeshiva in Shafir, a Gush Emunim leader. The rector of Bar-Ilan university, Prof. Shmuel Sprecher, is mentioned as joining the group as is Prof. Harold Fish, the former rector.

The NRP is expected to hold national elections in November. The sponsors of the new faction hope to gain a clear majority in these elections and replace the leadership of Ministers Raphael and Burg. If they do not succeed, the party will almost inevitably break up, sources close to the Young Guard said.

Cargal plant not closing after all

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LOD. — The Cargal cardboard plant will not close down — at least not today — after agreement was reached yesterday between workers and management in their dispute over work discipline.

Representatives of the workers, the Histadrut and management held a day-long meeting at the plant at which the workers agreed to resume normal work immediately without conditions.

The workers claim they only stopped working overtime in demand for higher wages and fringe benefits. Company manager Morris Malmad claimed that not only overtime work had been affected but that the workers had also gone on a go-slow strike. This had caused a severe drop in production and had been the main reason for his decision to close the plant this morning.

The plant employs 150 Jews and 300 Arabs from the administered territories.

U.S. Jewish campaign

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American Jewish votes during the election.

Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.), a leading Democratic contender, has already made this Administration decision a major issue in the campaign. Over the weekend he told Florida audiences that the decision was "cynical and dangerous" and "can only increase the chance of war in the Middle East and the severity of a new conflict there."

(Florida primary — Page 4)

Some American Jewish leaders yesterday expressed concern that the arms-to-Egypt issue has appeared to develop into a "Jewish issue" and not a more general "American" issue. There were some leaders who were upset by the coverage yesterday in the "New York Times," which published a front-page story headlined "U.S. Jews warning Ford on selling planes to Egypt."

State Department officials, who favour the arms deal with Egypt, reiterated yesterday that Israel — and her American supporters — were being "misrepresented" in opposing the deal.

It is the view of the Administration that U.S. influence in Egypt bars Sadat.



Mourners gather at yesterday's memorial assembly in Jerusalem for fallen soldiers whose burial places have not been located.

Thousands honour missing war dead

Thousands of mourners yesterday attended a memorial ceremony at Jerusalem's Mount Herzl military cemetery to honour fallen soldiers whose place of burial is unknown.

The annual ceremony is held on the seventh of Adar, the traditional Hebrew date of the birth and death of Moses, whose grave was also never located.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres told the assembly that the young soldiers had bestowed "an early

maturity" on their nation — a maturity which was necessary to help Israel face what was yet to come.

The ceremony was also attended by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yezayahu, Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur, Cabinet ministers and members of Knesset.

During the ceremony a monument was unveiled to honour Yom Kippur War casualties whose burial place

is unknown or whose remains could not be identified. Among the unidentified were 14 of the 39 bodies returned by the Egyptians after the interim agreement was signed. The remains of the 14 have been interred in a special section of the Mount Herzl cemetery.

In Petah Tikva, hundreds of persons visited Beit Yad Lehanin yesterday, where a memorial hall honours the war fallen whose burial place is unknown. (Itim)

Youth murdered in Jaffa Flea Market

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The murder of three brothers for their sister may have led to the murder of Claude Elbaz in Jaffa's Flea Market Monday night.

Elbaz, 19, was found lying in Rehov Hanania around midnight Monday, bleeding profusely from a bullet wound in his stomach. Police believe he was shot once with a 9 mm. revolver.

A passerby, the owner of a nearby kiosk, took Elbaz to Donolo Hospital, where he died on the operating table.

According to police Elbaz had

quarrelled a month ago with two brothers of a girl he was seeing. The two brothers were arrested at the time and subsequently released. Yesterday, police again arrested the two, and a third brother, on suspicion of murder.

Rehov Hanania is within the Flea Market area of Jaffa. Kiosks and restaurants on the street are open till after midnight-some of them catering to underworld figures.

Many people on the street, attributed the murder to a "settling of accounts." Police believe it was a crime of passion, but they have not ruled out gang warfare.

Elbaz had a police record.

Moadon Ha'oleh Lebanese couple may close down refused entry

The continued existence of the Moadon Ha'oleh (immigrants' club) in the Capital is in danger, unless the Absorption Ministry increases its support, club leaders told the press here yesterday.

The said that the ministry cut its allocation from IL200,000 (40 per cent of the club's budget) last year, to only IL100,000 this year, which covers only 12 per cent of the costs. Next year's budget is expected to reach IL170,000 the spokesman said.

The club is an autonomous body made up of representatives of immigrant societies (including the American and Canadian ones), the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry. The Jewish Agency contributed IL100,000 this year.

A representative of the Absorption Ministry said the allocation to Moadon Ha'oleh had been cut because the ministry this year opened over 50 new clubs in deprived areas, eight of them in Jerusalem. He also said that the administrative expenses of Moadon Ha'oleh were too high and that it should seek support from the municipality.

'Legal proceedings continuing in case of dead soldier'

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

The army spokesman said yesterday that legal proceedings are still under way in the case of the soldier who was found dead in a tank in a Sinai army camp last year. The parents of the dead soldier, Rav-Tural Avi Wishnitz, accused the army authorities at a press conference on Sunday of not investigating the case thoroughly.

Asked to comment on the parents' accusation, the spokesman would say only "the coroner has completed his inquiry, but legal proceedings have not yet ended." No further comment or elucidation was provided.

Costa Rican leader to visit

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica. — Costa Rica's president Daniel Oduber will visit Israel "in the very near future," probably before the end of the year. The president was replying to an invitation from Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, currently visiting Costa Rica in the course of his tour of Latin America.

Addressing a courtesy meeting of the Costa Rican National Assembly on Monday, Allon said the UN had "denigrated itself" by equating Zionism with racism. "There is no doubt the resolution will eventually end up on the rubbish heap of history," he said.

The Foreign Minister advocated the setting up of a new world body to strengthen regimes based on parliamentary democracy.

Yesterday Allon opened a conference of Israeli representatives in Latin America. Jewish Agency chairman Yosef Almog is among the participants. (Itim)

Naked in the graveyard — Nahman Farkas

ROSH PINA. — Nahman Farkas is in trouble with the police again — this time for cavorting naked among the graves of the local military cemetery.

Members of the chaplaincy Neuma Kadisha (burial society) complained Monday that they had seen a naked man in the cemetery. Police suspected right away who the man was. They caught him after a short chase and locked him up.

Farkas's former wife, Geula, has also complained to police that he had threatened and hit her two weeks ago. Following the two complaints the Safed Magistrate's Court on Monday remanded Farkas into custody for further investigation. (Itim)

Haifa cutting city staff

HAIFA. — Mayor Yehoram Zeisel announced this week that the municipality had begun a staff reduction by cancelling three full-time posts in the mayor's office.

Noting that the city would also stop hiring new workers, he said his administration could not save money on sanitation or street lighting.

Haifa's expenditures for the year beginning April would rise to IL557m, compared with IL425m in the outgoing year. Revenue would go up from IL304m to IL437m, — 43 per cent, the mayor said.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg told the Knesset Finance Committee on Monday that local authorities could balance their budgets this year only by eliminating or reducing public services.

Committee member Abahon Efrat attacked the local authorities for what he said was their "voracious borrowing — even at exorbitant interest rates."

According to Efrat, the local authorities' outstanding debts have risen by IL2,600m in the last two years alone, and in 1976 they will have to pay IL1,650m in debt service — a sum almost equal to the amount collected by the authorities in local taxes.

Viner: PLO wants 'coexistence'

Meir Viner, the leader of the Rakah (New Communist) party, said yesterday that a top member of the Palestine Liberation Organization had told him the PLO wanted to establish a state to "coexist" with Israel.

Returning from the Soviet Communist Party Congress in Moscow, Viner quoted PLO foreign relations head Farouk Kaddumi as saying the Palestinians did not "seek the destruction of Israel."

He said the terrorist leader told him that the PLO would recognize Israel if Jerusalem would agree to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

In answer to a question, Viner told reporters that Moscow would re-establish diplomatic ties with Jerusalem if Israel withdrew from all the Arab territory it occupied during the 1967 war. (AP, Itim)

Haifa U. students protest arrests

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — About 100 Arab and leftist Jewish students demonstrated at Haifa University yesterday, demanding the release of the two Arab students remanded Friday on suspicion of having threatened a fellow student who had agreed to do guard duty.

Civil servants prepare drive against pay cuts

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Civil servants threatened by a possible wage cut through the cancellation of specific allowances will meet tomorrow to coordinate a drive to preserve their pay rates.

The Ministerial Committee on Wages is to meet Friday to decide how to implement the Barak Committee recommendations. (The committee, set up by the Government and the Histadrut, recommended abolishing the allowances. Originally designed for employees whose work called for effort beyond the normal call of duty, the allowances now go to over 20,000 civil servants.)

The Government's decision must be made by mid-April, in time to prepare the May 1 paycheques. Representatives of many of the 20,000 workers are to meet tomorrow in Tel Aviv. "We will oppose anyone trying to cut any benefits we have," Yehuda Efrat, representative of the National Insurance labour committee, stated that employees, declared yesterday. But Yitzhak Mann, representing the customs officials, said he awaited further developments before taking any steps.

Income tax workers and some Communications Ministry employees yesterday asked the Civil Servants Union to oppose the plan to eliminate the allowance. In cables to the union they said wages had never before been cut.

Meanwhile, employees in the Treasury's Budget Department who had not received the allowance yesterday proposed no one receive it. Uri Lor of that department said employees in National Insurance had admitted to him that was a "scandal" to receive it without allowance. Asked why they don't say so publicly, they said they didn't want to fight their colleagues.

Absorption Ministry employees who receive no allowances, yesterday began circulating a petition opposing threatened sanctions over Government workers' over payments.

The petition, to be sent to the labour committee, stated that refusal to accept the recommendations of the Barak committee would endanger the nation's economy and thus possibly harm chances for greater immigration.

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LAZAR SHUPAKEVITZ

Former Director of N.C.L.I. in Chicago
Histadrut — General Federation of Labour in Israel and the National Committee for Labour Israel in the United States express their deep sorrow on the loss of an outstanding colleague and friend who devoted his life to the Israel Labour Movement.

THE FIFTH PAGE

Waiting for the Second Coming in Netanya

By GLORIA DEUTSCH

SUNDAY NIGHT and the *Lanudo Clinic* in Netanya is deserted. The Chasidim of Kiryat Sana are all well, and there is nothing for the doctor on duty to do. He turns to an ancient Reader's Digest and waits.

Suddenly the door bursts open and an unlikely procession appears. First one, then two, then three tiny doll-like girls, their cheeks rosy from the cold night air, make their entrance. They have long yellow hair, wear floor-length frilly dresses and each clutches a New Testament in her hand. They stare at me uncertainly.

Their mother follows, a fresh-scrubbed plump girl of twenty-three in long gingham pinafore, with a waist-length pony-tail. She carries a rosy blonde baby girl in her arms. The father, Noel, who is caretaker of the hospital, brings up the rear. He introduces his little family. Shirley, his wife, Sarah, aged 4, Anna, 3, Irene, 2, and Nilly (a Sabra) three months. They curtsy prettily and look as if they come from another world — which indeed they do.

They are Branchamites, members of a strict non-conformist sect who have come to Israel from Tucson, Arizona, to await the Second Coming which, they believe, is close at hand.

Consumed with curiosity, I want to know more. Why are they here in Netanya, living among Chasidim? Who was Brancham, whose teachings they follow? How many are they altogether, what do they believe in and practise?

Noel answers all my questions in his slow Southern drawl, while Shirley quietly suckles the baby, discreetly behind a sheet.

The fact that some fifty Branchamites (William Brancham was a faith-healer and lay preacher working in the Southern United States in the 'fifties) live and work among the Chasidim of Kiryat Sana is more of a coincidence than anything. But the two totally dissimilar groups of people have in fact a great deal in common.

BRANCHAMITES are Fundamentalists, accepting every word of the Bible as literal truth. They are therefore fervent supporters of the Land of Israel movement. "This land belongs to you Jews, just like the Lord promised Abraham," Noel said with conviction.

They attach great importance to modesty in their women, and the long dresses are not just "Sunday best" but are worn all the time. Make-up, smoking and alcohol are all taboo. I queried the make-up, suddenly conscious of my green eyelids.

"Well, the only woman in the Bible to use make-up was Jezebel," answered Noel, "and she was fed to the dogs, so we kinda took the hint!"

Smoking? Alcohol?

"We know it's harmful and we believe the body is a temple, walkin' about on two legs. Why should we hurt it?" I hastily stub out my cigarette, feeling stung.

It was about 9 p.m. by this time, and some patients had arrived, a young Chasid and his wife with a crying baby. The be-shetleled wife takes the baby in to the doctor for examination and the husband sits and waits. Irene, the two-year-old Branchamite, picks up the abandoned Reader's Digest and hands it to him.

"Trouble is," Noel drones on, "you people have rejected God's choice of you, except for a few (jerking his head in the direction of the young Chasid). But you prove the existence of God. Why, people've been trying to destroy you since you came on the scene. They'll never succeed because the Lord is on your side."

"What about our six million dead?"



FUNDAMENTALISTS MEET: A young Chasid of Kiryat Sana and daughters of the Branchamite Christian sect.

"We lost sixty million in the Dark Ages. Catholics saw to that."

"Yes but the way we died."

"We had plenty of horrors too. Fed us to the lions. Cut open a pregnant woman and took bets whether the baby'd be male or female. God works in strange ways. He forced you out of the Diaspora and back to the Land and the Holocaust was His instrument."

They believe in circumcison ("It's in the Bible, ain't it?") and observe the Biblical dietary laws. "Not mixing milk and meat is something your Rabbi thought up. Abraham served milk and meat together to his guests."

What about birth control?

"We're allowed the Biblical method," said Shirley shyly, but refused to elaborate. Judging by the evidence it was not a particularly effective method.

The children don't go to kindergarten, but Noel and Shirley do not seem unduly worried about education. "Generally speaking, the more educated a person is, the less faith he has."

Marriage is only allowed within the sect and three girls of marriageable age were sent back to the States last year to find husbands. It is getting late and the clinic is closing. I say goodbye to Noel and Shirley and the little girls.

THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY I again make my way to the hospital, this time with a purpose. I ask Noel if I may join the Brothers and Sisters at their prayer meeting. At first he is reluctant, but gives in to my entreaties.

We drive through Kiryat Sana. It is eight o'clock on a Sunday evening and the streets are thronged with black-clad Chasidim after the "Maariv" prayers. They stare at us as we pull up outside a villa.

"Abba, Abba," shrieks Sarah with delight and comes running out to greet us.

The meeting is just breaking up and dozens of fair-haired children are playing outside in the dusk. Women, all with long hair tied back in pony-tails stand around on the steps, many holding sleeping babies. At first glance they all appear pregnant. The men join them from inside the house but when they see us they all turn around and go back in, arranging themselves on chairs around the small bare salon. I am invited to sit down and as I take in the scene a hush descends on the room. Even the babies fall silent for a moment.

In acute embarrassment, I stammer out an apology for intruding on them. Quentin, their self-appointed leader and spokesman, sets my mind at rest.

"We are honoured to welcome a member of God's chosen race amongst us."

"Halleluyah!" cries a huge silver-haired woman in the corner.

"You can see, we have a lot of children," said Quentin, and they all roared with laughter. He is a fair, stocky man who was a farmer in the States but here does odd jobs around the settlement. His wife, young

High school kids learn computer programming

By ERNIE MEYER

PUPILS in grades six, seven and eight are learning to programme computers at the Jerusalem centre of Keren Yaldenu in Romema. The gift of an American supporter of this children's fund, the \$40,000 mini-computer is used to foster the interest of children in mathematics and science, not to prepare them for careers as computer operators.

In its after-school science and language clubs Keren Yaldenu caters primarily to children from poor neighbourhoods, but youngsters from all types of schools attend. "We pioneered the long school-day long before the Education Ministry thought of implementing it," Hebrew University physics professor Avraham Branner told the press this week. He stressed that Keren Yaldenu works with "normal" children and does not cater specifically to the gifted. Youngsters come of their own free will to clubs dealing with physics, electronics, art, music and English. Dr. Branner denied that their motivation was mainly to get better grades in high school later on.

Keren Yaldenu operates 31 centres in all parts of the country, in which about 12,000 children are registered. Some of their own free will to clubs and community centres which have no broken windows," Dr. Branner commented.

Next Sunday, Keren Yaldenu will open its 32nd centre in an impressive new building in Rehovot's Sha'arayim quarter. The building was donated by the Emil Landau family of New Rochelle, N.Y.

and beautiful, is pregnant with their ninth child.

"Do none of you young wives object to having to raise so many children," I blundered straight into controversy.

"What else is there for a woman to do?" said Sister Nelly, the silver-haired woman. "A woman should be taught to cook and clean and raise babies and look after her man. Then there'd be fewer divorces. And divorce is against God's law."

"Why are you here in Israel?"

"Because within two years our Lord is coming back to establish his kingdom in Jerusalem," answered Quentin. "But before that there's gonna be a heck of a lot of destruction. The United States and Russia's gonna fight and Magog is gonna destroy Gog just like it's written in Ezekiel. It's going to take seven months to bury the dead. But after that the Jews are going to rule the world. And we want to be here when it all happens."

I NOTICE a picture on the wall of a small, dark-suited, simple-looking man painted with an aura of light around him.

"Is that Brother Brancham?"

"Yes, Ma'am."

Each one has a story to tell of faith-healing performed by Brancham, or simply through prayer: a severed finger miraculously mended here, a fractured elbow setting on its own there. Sister Nelly says: "My child was dyin'. We took her to all the specialists but it didn't help. Then someone said to take a handkerchief and let Brother Brancham touch it and pin it on her. I did and the next day she was well, may the Lord be praised! There she sits beside you."

A dimpled girl smiled shyly at me. It is time for a hymn of praise. Suddenly the little room reverberates with twenty adult voices raised in close harmony, rhythmically thumping out their joyous faith: "Now I have that everlasting joy within!"

It is tenuous, catchy. Their faces shine with happiness. I am reminded of the essence of Chasidism — to find God through the simple joys of song and dance.

"What do you think of the Chasidim of Kiryat Sana?" I ask Quentin.

"They are our brothers and we pray for their souls."

"How have you been received by them and Israelis in general?"

"Never an unkind word or deed since we landed at Lod Airport two years ago with seven air-sick children. Only kindness, consideration and love."

"The time has come for Israel to possess the Land," said Quentin. As we said our farewells, a sweet-faced young-mother of three asked: "How many children do you have?"

Without realising it, I lapsed into their idiom. "God only granted me two children."

She looked stricken. "I will ask the sisters to pray for you," she said. I got into the car and drove thoughtfully away.

(Gloria Deutsch is an immigrant journalist from England.)

WHAT MAKES going to Ben-Gurion Airport inconvenient for Jerusalemites, among other things, is the absence of pleasant eating facilities nearby.

The airport restaurant itself is expensive and not very good and the fact that it has been repeatedly closed in the past for infringement of the sanitary code is also no recommendation. We could almost forgive the cost (which seems endemic to all airports and their facilities) if only the food were good.

After a morning of shadow boxing with customs officials at the airport recently, we were more than ready for a good meal. Luckily I remembered a colleague's recommendation of the Sultan Restaurant in nearby Ramla. The pleasant but imposing establishment is on Rehov Jan Masaryk (the first street on the left after the bus station, when coming from Jerusalem). The street itself seems to be the focus of Ramla's nightlife.

JEAN BESSE, of Switzerland, one of the great European players and a leader of the Swiss team submits this tip: "Beware of your trump tricks. When you see a chance for an easy overruff, don't be in too much of a hurry to take it. You may gain still more tricks by holding back."

Deal 1

NORTH
♠ Q3
♥ 86
♦ KJ95
♣ Q10976

WEST
♠ 9
♥ QJ2
♦ A43
♣ AK54

EAST
♠ K2
♥ 97
♦ A1076
♣ J832

SOUTH
♠ J107654
♥ AK1064
♦ 8
♣ 8

Deal 2

The contract is four spades. East having overcalled in hearts, West leads the heart ten and East plays off the three top hearts in the suit. If, on the third round of hearts, West jumps in with the spade queen, declarer will discard from dummy and therefore will have no



A pleasant place to eat

HAIM SHAPIRO

One word of warning: my informant told me that the police and guards from Ramla prison are among the regular clients, so if you're hiding out don't go there. The restaurant itself is tied, with

HOLD BACK!

BRIDGE TIP COMPETITION

queen of spades. If East yields to the temptations of overruffing with his king, South loses only one other trump trick and makes his contract. But if East refuses to overruff, the declarer is bound to lose three trump tricks no matter how hard he tries. With a diamond loser in addition he is defeated."

Readers who are competing in The Jerusalem Post Bridge Competition are requested to vote on today's tip, which is the fourth of eight tips, on a scale of 0-20 (twenty being the highest), and to send their vote to The Jerusalem Post Bridge Column, P.O. 81, Jerusalem.

domed ceilings. We were served by the very helpful, but not over-officious Arab proprietor and what were evidently his sons.

We opened our meal with hummus (without oil for the lady) and eggplant salad (with a generous dose of aromatic green olive oil). Both were totally satisfactory. The meat — shashlik and liver on large spits with wooden handles — was tasty, tender and juicy. The shashlik was made of beef, not lamb, but at least it wasn't turkey. With the meat were chips and salad, both adequate.

Disregarding the large sign advertising creme bavaria, we ended our meal with tea and Turkish coffee. To my surprise, the proprietor asked how sweet to make the coffee.

However the most attractive surprise was the bill which, including soft drinks, came to IL40. Sultan is open from noon till midnight Monday through Friday, until 7 p.m. on Sundays and until 2 a.m. on Saturday nights.

trouble picking up East's trump. Instead, West should arise to the occasion by discarding a diamond! After ruffing this trick in dummy South will have to lose two trump tricks — and his contract."

NORTH
♠ 85
♥ AKQ43
♦ AK54
♣ AK54

WEST
♠ Q7
♥ 107
♦ 108873
♣ J962

EAST
♠ K66
♥ AKQ882
♦ J5
♣ 108

SOUTH
♠ J10843
♥ J43
♦ 8
♣ Q73

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Rave reviews for Bat-Dor in S.A.

By DORA SOWDEN

flair for the dramatic." Several critics declared that the visit would be the highlight of 1976. The critic of the Afrikaans paper "Die Beeld" called the Bat-Dor "an incomparable dance experience," and said "Jeannette Ordman appeared in various ballets like a golden thread, dancing superbly."

Praise also went to many other dancers — notably Miriam Zamil, Anna Marie Tannenbaum, Yair Vardi, Yehuda Maor, David Dvir, David Rapoport and Diane Grumet. Yet the most praise was given for the soundness of team technique and the discipline, expertise and sheer exuberance of expression.

For South African audiences more familiar with classical ballet (of which there are very good companies) the visit has added, said the critics, "a new dimension in ballet." All spoke of the enormous impact that the Bat-Dor has made.

The company has now gone to Cape Town.

Forget guilt complex, Sadat tells Germans

SADEN-BADEN. — Egypt's President Sadat has accused Israel of using West Germany's "guilt complex" from the Nazi era "to extort moral and material support" from West Germany.

"We expect balanced policies from West Germany, and Germany has in fact shown a recent tendency toward this balance," Sadat said. "We hail this development and say to our friends, the Germans, that how is the time to break with their guilt complex."

Sadat was speaking in an interview broadcast here yesterday, prior to his state visit to Germany on March 29.

Not only the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain and France should be guarantors of a peace, as proposed by Soviet party leader Leonid Brezhnev recently, but also West Germany and other friendly European states, Sadat said.

He stressed that creation of a Palestinian nation by the Geneva Conference was a pre-condition for Arab recognition of Israel and its right to exist within secure borders.

"There can be no more small steps following my agreements with President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger," he said. "There is only the Geneva Conference. This is the last step toward a final resolution and genuine peace."

Sadat described Syria's criticism of his policy towards Israel as "narrow-minded party manoeuvres." There was still a chance that Syria would conclude a second disengagement agreement in negotia-

tions with the U.S. and Jordan, he said.

Sadat said he would ask West Germany for economic aid and for assistance to be given through a consortium of Western European countries, the U.S. and Japan. Egypt was primarily interested in long-term loans and joint ventures, he said.

West Germany is expected to formally agree during the visit to grant Egypt a special credit of \$30m. to overcome balance of payments difficulties, the Egyptian Ministry of Economic Cooperation said. A tentative agreement was concluded between Egypt and the state-owned Credit Institute for Reconstruction in Frankfurt in January.

Hussein: no need to divide Jerusalem

SYDNEY. — King Hussein of Jordan said yesterday that if Israel could be persuaded to give up Arab Jerusalem, he did not see why the city should be divided as a result.

"We maintain that Jerusalem should be the city of peace for all times," he said at a press conference shortly before his departure from Sydney after his eight-day state visit to Australia.

"In the context of peace, if sovereignty is returned to the Arab part of the city, I do not see why it should be a divided city. Jerusalem must be a city of all believers," (Reuters)

Reagan predicts own defeat

MIAMI, Florida. — Republican challenger Ronald Reagan, who a month ago was predicting landslide victory in the presidential primary here, claimed that a narrow defeat by President Gerald Ford in yesterday's balloting would not spell the end to his fight for the White House.

As Reagan sprinted across Florida, criticizing the foreign and domestic policies of Ford, the president campaigned by long-distance telephone, urging his campaign workers not to ease their efforts on the eve of a "crucial and critical" presidential primary.

The Florida primary is the fourth in a string of state elections in which voters from both parties have a chance to say whom they want to carry their banner into the presidential election on November 6.

Three major Democratic contenders also were putting in their final bid for votes yesterday. Former Georgia governor Jimmy Carter said he would run ahead of Washington

Probe ordered on leak to Sheehan

WASHINGTON. — The State Department has started an investigation to discover who leaked secret documents on the Middle East to magazine writer Edward Sheehan, department spokesman Robert Funnell said on Monday. The inquiry follows the publication of an article, in the current issue of "Foreign Policy," which quotes purported conversations of President Ford and Dr. Kissinger with Middle East leaders.



A U.S. air-launched Cruise missile shown leaving the bomb bay of a B-25 Stratofortress flying over the Army's White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico this week. In the first of seven flights, the missile was launched at a height of 10,000 feet and flew for about 11 minutes. (AP wirephoto)

Frankfurt gunman asks \$3m.

FRANKFURT. — A gunman seeking freedom for an accused bank robber seized two hostages in a courthouse here yesterday and demanded \$3.2m. and passage on a jetliner to Cuba, police reported.

The gunman also demanded a helicopter or car with bullet-proof windows to take him and the robber suspect to Frankfurt airport, 15 kms. from the courthouse, which was sealed off by heavily armed police.

The hostages were believed to be a court employee and a member of the jury trying Gerhard Linden for an \$800,000 bank vehicle holdup in Frankfurt two years ago.

Linden remained in custody after the assault because a guard forced him into a side room off the courtroom, police said.

In addition to \$2m. the gunman demanded the equivalent of \$400,000 each in German marks, and French and Swiss francs, police said. (AP)

'Patty' was the queen of the SLA'

SAN FRANCISCO. — A criminologist testified on Monday that Patricia Hearst became "queen" of the Symbionese Liberation Army and joined her kidnappers enthusiastically in a bank robbery.

Dr. Joel Fort depicted the heiress as a rebellious young woman who engaged in sex at 15, took drugs, fought with her teachers, disliked her parents, was bored with her "fiance" and had a reputation of lying to get out of tight spots.

Miss Hearst was ripe for conversion to an exciting new life style said Fort, who was called as a prosecution witness at her bank robbery trial. He expressed the opinion she went over to the SLA and became a member within a month after her abduction, which he acknowledged must have been terrifying.

Fort was asked by prosecutor James L. Browning whether, as the defense has claimed, she was "the only soldier in an army of generals."

"No, I think she was a queen," he replied.

The testimony by Fort, who has been an expert witness in some 270 criminal cases, was in direct conflict with three defense psychiatrists who had said she was a victim of "traumatic neurosis" and acted out of "coercive persuasion."

Syrian embassy bombed

PARIS. — Youths early yesterday threw Molotov cocktails at the Syrian embassy, hours before an official announcement of the coming state visit here by Syrian President Hafez Assad.

An Elysee Presidential Palace communique said Assad and his wife will be official guests of President and Mrs. Valery Giscard d'Estaing March 15-18.

Police said the unknown bombers caused little damage. (UPI)

IPOH, Malaysia. — "A COMMISSIONER of police a day keeps the running dogs at bay" was the couplet with which Malaysian Communist pamphleteers claimed responsibility for the killing last November of Khoo Chong Kong, Commissioner of Police for Perak state in the northwest of the country. It might not be very poetic, and the ambitions threat has not been kept, but the upsurge of Communist insurgency is rapidly diverting the attention of Southeast Asia's domino theorists away from front-line Thailand southwards to Malaysia.

In everything but name Malaysia is drawing up the same kind of battle formation which characterized the fight against Communist insurgents from 1948 to 1960, and Kuala Lumpur's rumour mill is already talking of the "new Emergency."

The journey from Ipoh, capital of Perak, to the village of Tanah Hitam, one of 450 "new villages" into which almost a million scattered Chinese villagers were gathered in an attempt to deny support to the Communists during the first Emergency, is punctuated by army roadblocks, identification checks, and exhaustive searches of cars and pedestrians alike.

Now, as in the first Emergency, the majority of the estimated 2,500

Rhodesia steps up border defences

SALISBURY. — Rhodesia announced yesterday it has boosted counter-insurgency forces along Mozambique's border by 60 per cent since January.

The Government also said it is now receiving daily reports of guerrilla activity in the northeast and southeast of the country.

Ted Sutton-Pryce, deputy minister in Prime Minister Ian Smith's office, said that even if a constitutional settlement was reached with Black Nationalist Leader Joshua Nkomo, the guerrilla attacks, led by Nkomo's black political opponents, would continue.

The constitutional talks are expected to resume tomorrow.

The main topic will be new Government proposals for the future of the country which, when first put forward two weeks ago, were described by some nationalists as a "near breakthrough."

Sutton-Pryce gave no details of what a 60 per cent increase of troop strength means in total numbers, but Rhodesia has a regular army of some 4,500 men and 10,000 reservists rotated for border duty.

He said that since January terrorist infiltration has spread from the northeast region around Mount Darwin to the southeast as far as where the frontier meets South Africa and Mozambique.

Minister of Defence P.K. van der Byl reported last week at least 1,000 guerrillas are currently inside Rhodesia. (Reuters, AP)

Malaysia's second Communist war

Communist insurgents are Chinese. The history of one of them, 25-year-old Chew Kon Kim, captured by security forces in 1974, is fairly typical. Born in a "new village," he left school after only six years' education to help support his family as a rubber tapper.

Chew joined the Malaysian Labour Party but, when the party was purged because of alleged Communist links in 1968, he got involved with Communist cells in Kuala Lumpur. A year later he went into the jungle.

If Southeast Asia's non-Communist leaders have learned anything from events in Indochina it is, in the words of Malaysia's new Prime Minister, Datuk Hussein Onn, that "the most effective weapon against Communist terrorism is national resilience based on economic development" and — in a phrase once much used in Vietnam — "we must win the people's hearts and minds."

There is great enthusiasm for the new Prime Minister, and no tears now for his predecessor, Tun Abdul

THE WORLD IN BRIEF

Israel regrets Japan's PLO move

TOKYO. — The Israeli embassy yesterday expressed regret at the invitation by Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party to the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department for a week-long visit here.

The invitation to the PLO official came 24 hours after the PLO announced it would be opening an office in Tokyo.

The Israeli statement said of the PLO: "This is not an organization deserving of encouragement by nations of the free world." (Reuters)

Three killed at Olympic site

MONTREAL. — At least three construction workers were killed and four injured on Monday night when a concrete beam they were installing at the Olympic stadium here plummeted more than 30 metres to the ground, carrying the workmen down with it.

Police said one of the injured men was in grave condition. The three others were believed to have suffered only minor injuries.

A police spokesman said the three dead men and the critically injured worker had been riving the beam to a main column when cables snapped, sending the piece with the four men plunging to the stadium. (Reuters)

Whitlam says he won't quit

CANBERRA. — Australian Opposition Leader Gough Whitlam declared yesterday he would not resign as Labour Party leader over the Iraqi money controversy.

However, moves within the Labour Party to depose him continued privately, following his weekend condemnation by the Party's National Executive for a "grave error of judgment."

Former Labour Education Minister Kim Beazley said on television the Jewish community within Australia would have regarded any offer of \$500,000 from Iraq to the Labour Party for recent election campaign expenses as "blood money." (AP)

FBI kept eye on Women's Lib

WASHINGTON. — The Federal Bureau of Investigation used informers to keep tabs on the Women's Liberation Movement in several U.S. cities during 1969 and 1970, according to documents released Monday by the Senate Intelligence Committee, but was unable to turn up any evidence of revolutionary or violent activity.

A May 1969 memo from the head of the FBI offices in New York to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover relayed information from the informers that the Women's Liberation Movement "is not an organization as such but rather a cause and philosophy."

The Black Panther Party, the Jewish Defence League and the American Communist Party, were also among targets of FBI wiretaps in 1971, according to the Senate committee. (AP)

Lockheed probe by Belgian gov't

BRUSSELS. — The Belgian government has ordered an official investigation of U.S. press reports alleging Belgians received bribes from the Lockheed aircraft company, Premier Leo Tindemans said yesterday.

Answering a parliamentary question, Tindemans said the government had instructed the high control committee to open an investigation. The allegations — made by former Lockheed official Ernest Hauser — had been grave but vague, he said.

The allegations go back to 1964, but did not specify which Belgians were involved or what their functions were, how much money they received and in what context, he said. (UPI)

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Invitation to the Public

The Minister of Justice has appointed a committee to consider all aspects of the problem of prostitution in Israel.

Anyone who wishes to submit to the Committee information or an opinion touching on this subject is asked to forward the information/opinion in writing to the Committee's Coordinator, Mrs. Sarah Zisman, Director, Division for Committees and Tribunals, Ministry of Justice, 29 Saladin Street, Jerusalem, by April 30, 1976.

Material so received will not be returned, and the Committee reserves the right to use such material as it deems fit.

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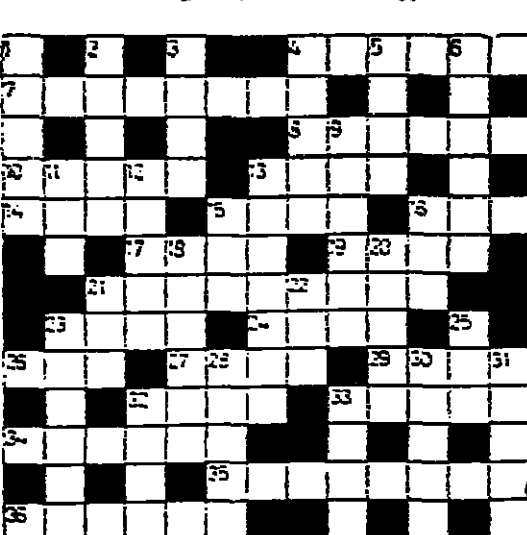
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CRYPTIC PUZZLE

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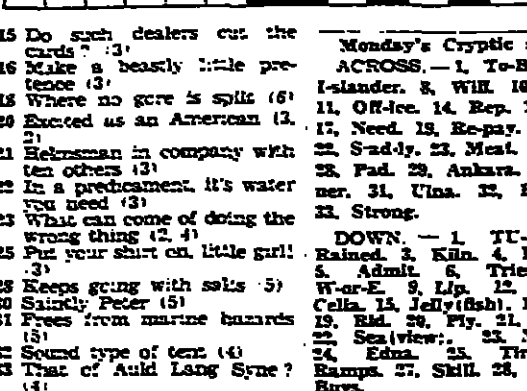
- 1 Cover any cop can break (6)
- 2 Cooked in a way that drove one to distraction (8)
- 3 Stoney-headed mother and child (6)
- 4 Experienced crad? (5)
- 5 Produced under duress (4)
- 6 Search the east, maybe (4)
- 7 Here's trouble, if you like (4)
- 8 Musical opener? (3)
- 9 With which to stir a dog (4)
- 10 Short home-leave (4)
- 11 Punished the right person (4)
- 12 Message of importance (4)
- 13 Reaching oven (4)
- 14 Chicken, chief, misused (4)
- 15 Gloomy notice in a sticky situation (4)
- 16 Sure to upset the employer (4)
- 17 Vessel that may go flying round the rim (4)
- 18 Opposition to certain points about a mine (5)
- 19 Coupons acceptable in tens (6)
- 20 Checks in more ways than one (5)
- 21 But there are childish ones (6)



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Turn (6)
- 2 Draw near (8)
- 3 Eat away (8)
- 4 Baby (5)
- 5 Full (4)
- 6 Cavity (4)
- 7 Dances (4)
- 8 Males (3)
- 9 Profound (4)
- 10 Amphibian (4)
- 11 Mutual understanding (4)
- 12 Parasitic insect (4)
- 13 Rubber (6)
- 14 Alarms (5)
- 15 Everything (3)
- 16 Spoil (3)
- 17 Woolly coat (6)
- 18 Enclosure (4)
- 19 Senior by age (5)
- 20 Anxiety (5)
- 21 Prepared (5)
- 22 Trapped (8)
- 23 Affectionate (6)
- 24 Descend (4)



- Monday's Cryptic solution
- ACROSS — 1. To-BE-CRUE, 7. I-slander, 8. WILL, 10. CREA, 11. OR-lee, 14. Rep, 15. Dabs, 16. Need, 18. Re-pay, 19. Saddy, 22. Meat, 23. Fogue, 24. Pad, 25. Ankara, 26. Banner, 31. Uina, 32. Polygamy, 33. Strong.
- DOWN — 1. TT-Scan, 2. Rained, 3. Kila, 4. Half day, 5. Admit, 6. Lip, 7. Fay, 12. Celis, 15. Jellyfish, 16. Elpis, 17. Bad, 20. Fry, 21. M-Auser, 24. Edna, 25. Thrive, 26. Bump, 27. Skill, 28. Pa-L, 29. Buys.
- Monday's Easy solution
- ACROSS — 1. Jester, 7. Envisage, 8. Sage, 10. Kimmel, 11. Father, 14. Act, 16. Trees, 17. Lope, 18. Alley, 21. Pagan, 22. Crisp, 23. Sheet, 24. Vogue, 25. Tia, 26. Inlets, 30. Banner, 31. Agog, 32. Lavender, 33. Drakes.
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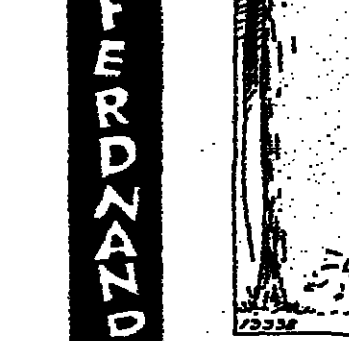
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ISRAEL-GERMAN TRADE

THE ARRIVAL of a top-level delegation of West German industrialists this afternoon is well-timed. The economic situation in Israel is never quite right for the businessman in the past.

Today the economic jigsaw has seemingly fallen into place. A number of circumstances, some of them fortuitous, others the result of hard bargaining over the years, have combined to create an investment climate that can at last be described as favourable. The phrase, "Build a factory in Israel," is no longer a plea; it is now a challenge.

Israel was described by Professor Sune Carlsson, the UN's first Resident Representative here, as "the world's most developed under-developed country." In more precise terms, the Jewish State can be viewed as an advanced society which is under-industrialized. That should make it an excellent stamping-ground for investors from abroad — in theory. After all, the skills are there, the infrastructure, the potential partners.

In practice there have been obstacles, chiefly inflation and over-employment. Inflation means shortages; shortages mean having recourse to the Government; having recourse to the Government means bureaucracy.

Also the country is small, therefore its market is the export field — and export markets are generally protected by tariff barriers.

What has changed since then? First, the tariff barriers are down. Israel is one of the few countries that has duty-free access for most of its industrial goods both to Europe and the U.S. The former it achieved through a free-duty treaty with the EEC, the latter through the free-trade provisions granted by the Americans to developing States.

Next, Israel is moving (in a sense) against the world economic cycle. The world is emerging from recession towards increased economic activity; whereas Israel is entering a Government-induced recession. Unemployment has started in the building industry. It will spread (according to the Treasury's economic plan), as demand is cut in the domestic market.

It is important that this programme of retrenchment be carried through. Its purpose is to create not joblessness, but a labour reserve.

The one way out — according to the blueprint — will be exports. There are no retentive budgets in sight. Recovery must be investment-led. The only people who can utilize the services of the new labour reserve will be technology-intensive enterprises, of the kind that qualify for development loans under the Capital Investments Law.

The next point is that whatever happens, the investment drive is going to take place, creating a brisk demand for machinery and other production goods. The Government will do its best to make sure that this equipment is manufactured or part-manufactured in Israel, by or jointly with those foreign undertakings which want to do the supplying.

Interviewed this week by *The Jerusalem Post*, Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, pointed out that Arab States in the region (which compete for the attention of the would-be investor) have an abundance of money, but not an abundance of projects relevant to the industrialist. They are a market mainly (still) for civil engineering firms, which handle bricks and mortar and asphalt.

He looked up: "Did you notice in today's paper? France is disappointed with the skimpy orders it has managed to pick up in Saudi Arabia. The Saudis do not currently have the technical base, the maintenance facilities, the local R. and D. for a rapid development of manufacturing activities."

"But Israel does. We plan to invest \$1,500m. over the next five years in the expansion of the chemical and metal branches," he said.

Interest is reviving in business possibilities here. The Metals, Fashion and Food Weeks, held recently, attracted wide response. "Attendance of the Common Market countries was twice what we had expected," he comments. All the big commercial chains sent representatives. He concludes: "Strange to say, a self-adjusting process seems to be in operation. At a time when our political relationships have been shrinking, our economic relationships are widening — more than before."

The visit of the Germans is a by-product of Prime Minister Rabin's

Israel's economic scene is ripe for foreign investment, writes *Jerusalem Post* Economic Correspondent David Krivine. He argues that the government has made such investment more attractive and this, with a skilled work force and new export openings, changes "Build a factory in Israel" from a plea to a challenge.

A FERTILE FIELD FOR INVESTMENT



Holiday makers enjoy breakfast in the pool at the Laromne Hotel in Eilat, one of the chain of hostels (Rubinger)

recent trip to Bonn. The delegation is headed by the President of the Federation of German Industries — no less a person than the chairman of Thyssen Steel, Hans-Gunther Sohl. The Federation's vice-president, also on the mission, is Professor Kurt Hansen, chairman of another indus-

trial giant, Bayer Chemicals.

Every individual in the group is a notability: Kurt Birrenbach, Member of the Bundestag, and a leading figure in the Thyssen concern; Herbert Pavel, owner of the Rheinfelden group; Arend Oetker, owner of the Schwartauer works; and others.

Two prominent Jewish businessmen are on the team. One is Harry Ehrenberg, owner of the Neumo complex (stainless steel products). Mr. Ehrenberg has two enterprises in Israel — Egmo and Vargus — both situated in Nahariya. The other participant already linked with Is-

rael is Ignatz Bubis. He is constructing the Laromne chain of hostels, which represents a big investment.

In the field of international trade, West Germany is one of Israel's biggest suppliers, and one of its biggest customers. Not surprisingly, it sells far more than it buys; but the trade gap was cut last year. Imports from Germany fell from \$687m. in 1974 to \$613m, while exports rose from \$135m. to \$161m. The deficit narrowed by \$100m. or close to 20 per cent.

It still remains an intimidating \$450m. The intention is to step up exports. "Shopping for goods in Israel is like shopping in my own country," a German businessman opined recently — referring to the new zero-tariff situation enjoyed by Israel's industrial exports to the Ecomart.

But foreign exchange can be earned elsewhere, to plug the shortfall in bilateral trade. Israel is a convenient staging-post for exports to the Third World, particularly of goods that require ancillary services. When supplying complicated equipment to developing territories, it is often best to offer a package-deal, complete with technicians who will provide a training programme and maintenance facilities.

Help of a most general kind is sometimes possible as well.

The agriculturalist needs to be coached in making the best use on his own farm of the irrigation equipment or pesticides he purchases. Israel is a good source of relatively low-cost, well-qualified manpower for this kind of work.

Some German investments already exist in Israel (Steel City, Moewe, Triumph International). Project areas that will be discussed with the visiting group expand this range considerably. Says Mandelbaum: "Germany has a fertiliser industry and so do we. But Germany lacks one of the key raw-material inputs, which we possess in abundance — phosphates. Israel Chemicals Ltd. (ICL) is ready to form a joint company for the production of phosphate intermediaries."

"This country has quite a collection of raw materials — not only potash and phosphates, but bromide, chloride, and by-products of the oil refining process. We want to upgrade these substances," he says.

One material that comes within ICL's concession is magnesium, available in the Dead Sea. It is a light metal that can be substituted for other alloys in the manufacture of cars and planes. The construction of a magnesium casting plant is under study.

A major area for investment is the energy industry. "We want to reach the situation where we build our power stations entirely (not just partly) in Israel," Mandelbaum declares — which means nuclear reactors, and solar energy farms. Israel has oil-shale deposits that could be exploited to fuel a power station — and to supply oil-shale ashes for conversion into cement.

Other sectors in which Israel has made a good beginning are machine tools, electronics (especially areas connected with medicine, education, communications and control), and R. and D.

It may be mentioned that a bilateral committee, representing Israel's National Council for Research and Development and Germany's Ministry of Research and Technology, has been functioning during the last three years to sponsor joint industrial research projects in both countries. Notable work has been done together by Israeli and German scientists in the field of water technology, including the development of algae with a dual purpose — to purify water and nourish livestock.

The two Governments both happen to be promoting, each in its own way, the cause of German business placements here. Israel offers and will continue to offer a profitable exchange-rate for all export activities, because the need to bridge the trade deficit is the highest civilian priority that exists in Israel — higher than the need to improve the social services.

As to the German authorities, in order to encourage the export of capital where it is needed, they allow investment in Israel and other developing countries to be tax-deductible. German companies investing here can get finance from the DEG, the Government-owned German Development Corporation, for any material they purchase in their home country. And the Managing Director of DEG, Leutfried Karendberg, is one of the members of the present delegation.

Charter breakthrough welcomed

Jerusalem Post Tourism Correspondent Tourism Minister Moshe Kol yesterday said the Heth Committee's recommendations on liberalizing the policy for air charters constituted a "welcome breakthrough."

But the Minister added that he was surprised by the committee's refusal to include Chicago and the U.S. southern Bible belt in the area from which charters would be permitted. Noting that the U.S. West Coast had been included in the

charters area, he claimed that although there was a large Jewish community in Los Angeles, it was not necessarily typical of the U.S. "If this is to be an experiment it should apply to more Jewish communities in other parts of the U.S.," he said. He also recalled the demands voiced at last year's Jewish Solidarity Conference by Jewish leaders abroad for charter flights, to assure the success of the current Year of Pilgrimage to Israel.

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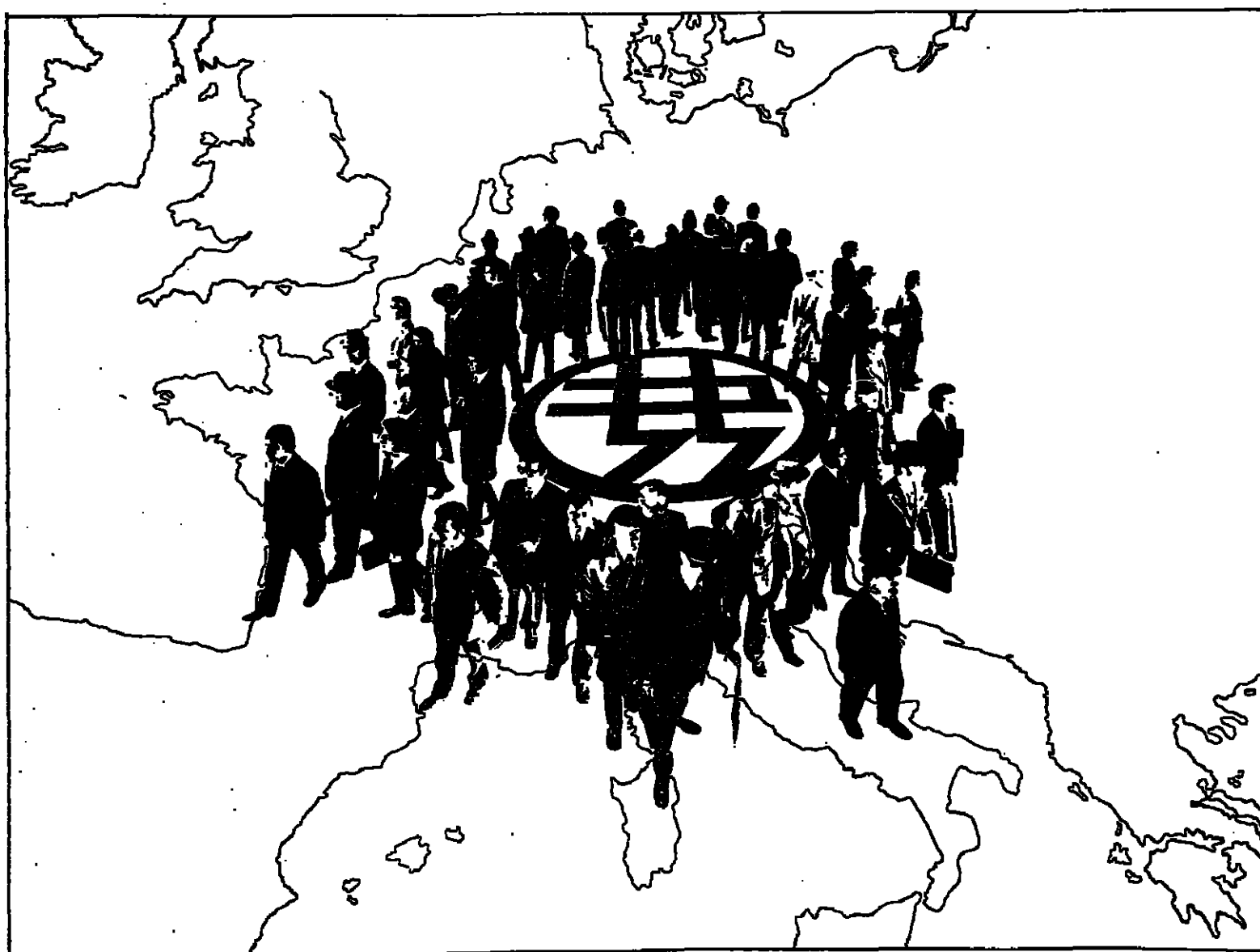
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ISRAEL-GERMAN TRADE

IN THE FORE- FRONT OF THE EXPORT DRIVE

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THE VISIT of the top-level delegation of German industrialists presents a unique challenge to the Israeli economy.

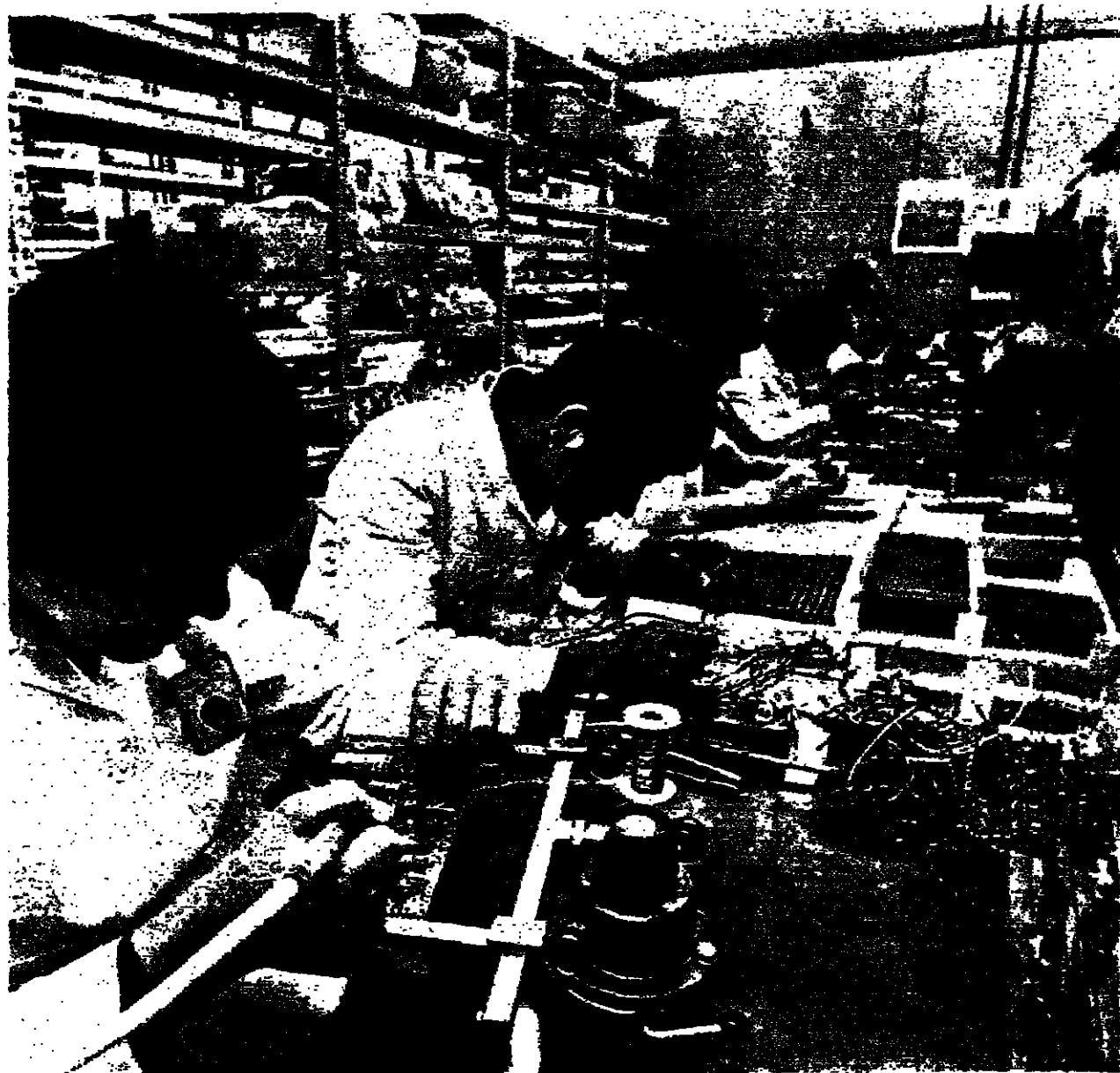
Not only is Germany beginning to recover from a recession, while Israel is on the verge of a slowdown, this country's long-term potential is hindered by the current mood of hesitancy. Nonetheless, sober appraisal shows that partnership with Israel industries can be of great use — even for major producers — due to the country's preferential tariff position and the high level of local skilled and scientific personnel. However, Israel must still overcome urgent problems, including the slow readjustment after the Yom Kippur War.

The German visitors will find that although local industry has been slow in adjusting to present changes in the world economy and this country, a change for the better seems to have taken place of late, as industries realize that to survive they have no choice but to make better use of human and material resources in order to meet steadily stiffening competition at home and abroad.

For a time, great store was set in the performance of the state-owned industries, but these expectations seem to have been premature. On the other hand, the major role in revitalizing industry seems to be played by the Histadrut-owned industries which are making a determined effort to reduce their dependence on the home market by expanding sales abroad.

Koor, the Histadrut conglomerate, exported 19 per cent of its total sales in 1972 and a similar percentage in 1974. In 1975, however, exports were planned for 24 per cent of production and in fact 27 per cent was actually exported. The target for 1976 is 33 per cent, implying an increase of one-third in dollar terms, more than double the 1974 amount. Thus, in contrast to the situation before the 1973 war, foreign customers have become Koor's major market.

The Koor development is note-



The local electronics industry, which depends on educated, technically sophisticated manpower, is expanding rapidly. Electronics exports are finding new markets in the U.S. and the Common Market (Rubinger)

worthy in view of the range and quantity of its exports, which are not confined to one single commodity benefiting from some passing phenomenon. Each product is manufactured and marketed in its own unique way.

Compared with the 1974 performance, the 1976 target aims at a 40 per cent increase in sales of electronic and metal products. Foodstuffs, a newcomer in the Koor range, are planned to increase exports by 60 per cent. A giant 80 per cent rise in exports is planned for chemicals, mainly for crop protection.

In fact, \$200m. of Koor's \$230m. aggregate target is set for the chemical division (Makhteshim, Agan, Tadiran and Soltam). The increment envisaged for Koor exports is about one quarter of the total expansion of non-diamond manufactured exports forecast for 1976. As a result, Koor — which only a few years ago was childed for not caring about sales abroad — will probably account

for almost one-fifth of Israel's aggregate manufactured non-diamond exports.

The other significant feature of this export growth is that it involves no drop in sales on the local market. In fact the company's experts are planning for a six per cent rise in this area.

The only substantial drop forecast is one of about 15 per cent in defence items. Demand for building implements is expected to remain at last year's level (with less cement required, owing to slumping building starts, but with more demand for construction steel elements, as stocks accumulated after the war are gradually depleted). Somewhat larger sales are envisaged also for industrial and telecommunication equipment, and for food and cosmetics, and only a slight drop in sales of consumer durables. The export increment will therefore have to be achieved by an improved use of the concern's resources. The programme

disclosed a fortnight ago envisages an increase of the concern's labour force by another 5 per cent.

Both Koor and the kibbutz industries have long standing ties with German manufacturing companies (including several joint ventures and know-how agreements). They also have at their disposal the financing facilities developed by the Bank Hapoalim jointly with the Bank fuer Gemeinwirtschaft.

It would therefore be quite natural for the German guests to find the labour industries most receptive and most dynamic in advancing plans for further cooperation. But it would be a pity if the other industries stay behind in this respect.

Even though the present moment may not result in immediate decisions, the German visit should be used for discussing long range projects, which may become increasingly topical as Israel becomes closer to the EEC.

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ISRAEL-GERMAN TRADE

Joint bank ready for Common Market deals

Jerusalem Post Reporter
IN ANTICIPATION of Israel's association with the European Economic Community, Bank Hapoalim and the German Bank fuer Gemeinwirtschaft (BFG) have joined forces in establishing a bank that would specialize in international trade — the Israel Continental Bank Ltd.

After almost two years of operation, the bank has achieved more than satisfactory results. The unusual interest and importance that the German partners place on the Israeli operation is reflected by the fact that Dr. Walter Hesselbach, Chairman of the Board of Management of the German Bank, makes it a point to come to Israel to participate in the local bank's board of directors' meetings. Another of the most active board members is Dr. D. Hoffman of the B.F.G.

Deputy chairman of the board of directors is Ya'acov Levinson, chairman of the management board of Bank Hapoalim — one of Israel's three largest banks, whose balance sheet increased 22-fold in the last five years, reaching IL41,125m. at the close of 1975.

In fact, the German partners are doing much more than provide moral support. Israel Continental Bank is providing its clients with a special service of long term credits for imports of German goods. The credits are given for a period of three to five years with minimum sums of DM50,000 and going much higher.

The interest charged for the credit is moderate, and these special, favorable terms are very significant to Israel's exporters.

Until recently the bank was managed by 25 staff members. The figure

is now 38 and more will be added in the not too distant future. In addition to the specialization in foreign trade, it offers a complete range of banking services. Israel Found accounts, time deposit accounts, foreign currency transactions, saving schemes and even German restitution accounts are all available to the bank's clientele. Aris Geva, the 33-year-old managing director, exemplifies the young aggressive management which has risen through the ranks of Bank Hapoalim.

The bank caters first and foremost to medium to large importers and exporters. Documentary credits have reached serious sums. The credits spread among a large clientele, reflect such varied imports as watches, building materials, orthopedic equipment and metal products.

In an effort to assist its clients, the bank offers, under one roof, the services of a foreign trade specialist, a lawyer, a foreign currency expert and a management prepared to make on-the-spot decisions.

For the nine months ending December 31, 1975, the balance sheet total grew by about 65 per cent to stand at a close to IL35m. With a paid up share capital of IL55m, the bank has a sound basis for continuous expansion without having to look for additional funds.

Net income for the nine months period was up almost 100 per cent in comparison with the previous 12-month operation.

The eagerness to provide good service, the credit lines for importers as well as for exporters, and the Israel-German partnership, together with good management, augur well for the Israel Continental Bank.

DIMONA FIBRES is to be sold by its receivers in a public tender. The buyers of the plant will have to take over the company's debts, which total IL70m. Dimona Fibres' accumulated losses amount to IL60m.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET:

Signs of life in linked bonds

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. Index-linked bonds began quietly yesterday but as trading continued some signs of life appeared. Turnovers, on the whole, were small.

Optionals dropped about a point at first, but later rose between 3 and 4 notes.

The turnover in bonds came to IL15.3m.

The turnover in stocks came to IL2.15m, of which IL602,000 was in

the variables. There was demand for stocks, but increases were slight. The General Index of Share Prices rose by 0.42 per cent to stand at 123.54.

The Nafat dollar rose 13 agorot to stand at IL9.02. There was a demand for \$628,000.

Bank Leumi was unchanged at 206 (126,000); Tefahot, up 4 to 211 (24,000); Haseah, up 2 to 259 (9,300); Electric Corp., up 9 to 221 (18,000); Neot Aviv, up 2 to 127.

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CIVIC COURAGE

THE JERUSALEM planning subcommittee showed admirable civic courage last Monday in cancelling the permission it had thoughtlessly given six months ago for the construction of a dozen apartment buildings on the fringe of Sanhedriya Park.

These buildings, and the road that was to serve them, would have reduced the park and the unique assemblage of Second Temple tombs around which they are built to a lifeless wedge of ground barely interrupting the chain of housing developments stretching across the northern part of the city. It is to be hoped that trees which have already been uprooted will be replanted and the park itself expanded as far as possible in order to reinforce its character as a recreational area and as a wooded retreat for thousands of the city's residents.

A price will inevitably have to be paid by the city for revoking building rights. But the price in urban and historical values that would have had to be paid by not revoking them was immeasurably higher.

ASSAD'S INTENTIONS

THE TRUE INTENTIONS of Syrian President Hafez Assad are very much on the minds of diplomats and analysts in many world capitals these days.

One well-informed observer, Prof. Nadav Safran, co-author of the Brookings Plan for the Middle East, suggested on Monday that Assad's show of belligerence towards Israel was not a correct index to the man's thinking. Behind the official smokescreen of fiery rhetoric about stolen lands and legitimate Palestinian rights, Assad and his immediate entourage — although admittedly not yet the rest of the Syrian establishment — are cautiously working, in Prof. Safran's view, for an accommodation with a sovereign, if shrunken, Israel. For they have now reached the conclusion that this is "the best residual choice" for Syria.

Whether that is in fact the case must be an important question in the consultations just begun at the State Department on the possibility of dissuading President Assad from going to a war when UNDOF's mandate expires on May 30. The Department's initial doubts about the prospects of its own formula for an "end to the state-of-war" — so far embraced only by Israel — might be dissipated if it turned out that Assad's ambitions do not include the elimination of Israel.

Assad himself has now spoken, at a Damascus rally to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the Baath takeover in Syria, and the effect, doubtless intended, is not, putting it mildly, to boost the Syrian leader's moderate image.

There were outright threats of war in the speech, it is true, yet everything in it breathed unrelieved bellicosity. The idea of an agreement for an end to the stage-of-war was presented as a plot joined in by Egypt, even though the grounds for its rejection were the same as those cited by Sadat. In fact the entire speech was a thoroughgoing attack on Egypt for having supposedly deserted the Arab front against Israel by signing the Sinai accord.

"Syria," declared Assad, but apparently not Egypt, "places its guns and its blood at the disposal of the revolutionaries in the occupied land, and is working to remove the enemy and to liquidate his aggression today and the possibility of aggression tomorrow."

If there is some suggestion here, however indirect, of readiness to come to terms, any terms, with Israel, one must admire the artistry of its camouflage. The only message conveyed by Assad loudly and clearly is that Syria's true choice remains what it has been — Israel's total defeat.

The message could be aimed at three different addressees. First, at the die-hard who still hold sway over the Baath party, to assure them of Assad's continued ideological purity. Secondly, at the oil-rich Arab countries, to persuade them of Syria's prior claim to their largesse as the champion of the Arab cause. Thirdly, at the U.S., to inform it that in the present state of affairs as seen from Damascus — with Israel in trouble internally, and with the erosion of American support of Israel — there is no reason for Assad to moderate his stand and, like Sadat, try for some workable accommodation.

In any case, it would take much ampler proof than has been available so far to interpret the Assad message credibly as but evidence of the macho Syrian's inability to admit his hankering after peace.

MY WIFE'S reaction to reading my columns never varies.

Shaking her head with an air of infinite compassion for the readers of the "Post," she always marvels, "Got rid of some more of your old jokes, haven't you?"

This simply isn't fair. I can date most of my favourites with some degree of precision. None is more than 40 years old. I know that for a fact, because I first heard them from Joey Beaumont in the Third Form, around 1937.

(Joey was the sort of boy who used to appear twice in group photographs, having whipped along the back row while the panoramic camera was whirring slowly round on its clockwork swivel. Full of jolly japes and wheezes as he was, there was nothing malicious about Joey. He had a heart as big as all outdoors, as John Wayne would say. Why, the first month we were evacuated — when World War II broke out — he very unselfishly offered me his landlady.)

STUNG BY the wife's jibes, I determined recently to show her what a really antique joke is like and delved into Ronald Peersall's study of Victorian wit and humour, "Collapse of Stout Party" (Weidenfeld & Nicolson).

I hadn't got very far with it when it began to dawn on me that Joey Beaumont must have learned a lot of his jokes at his grandmother's knee.

Victorian humour boasted Lewis Carroll and W.S. Gilbert but was often characterised by truly awful puns and poor taste.

Though the Queen was notoriously not amused, the corners of the royal mouth were known momentarily to relax at "lavatory" jokes, and anything to do with seasickness would provoke loud merriment. Lord Granville once asked why he should waste his best jokes at Court when he could get a much better reception by pretending to catch his finger in the door.

At the other end of the scale was the civilised humour of Henry Labouchere, the Liberal M.P. and journalist. Describing a visit to a Russian country house, he said "card-playing, eating and drinking — and more especially the latter — went on all day and nearly all night. I never could understand where my bedroom was, for the excellent reason, as I at length discovered, that I hadn't one."

When he was at the St. Petersburg Embassy, a German nobleman demanded to see the Ambassador. Labouchere invited him to take a chair. "Do you know who I am?" the German asked, pouring out a string of titles. Labouchere looked up from his writing, obviously impressed.

"Pray take two chairs," he said. Oscar Wilde's apophorisms often smell of midnight oil ("I can resist everything except temptation") but he was capable of brilliant ad lib. Of Lionel Johnson, the baby-faced Decadent poet, Wilde observed: "Any morning at eleven o'clock you might see him come out very drunk from the Cafe Royal and half the first passing perambulator."

Douglas Jerrold, one of the founders of "Punch," wrote: "My notion of a wife at forty is that a man be able to change her like a bank note — for two twenties." Despite his own obvious shortcomings, Jerrold looked with contempt at the baseness of mankind, suggesting that many men got on in the world on the same principle that a chimney sweep passes uninterrupted through a crowd.

Some of Peersall's collection is familiar, quite apart from Joey Beaumont's handing down of the tradition. Laurel and Hardy fans will recognise one of their standard routines in the story of Lady Shelley who was involved in a coach accident. There was a tangle of legs and when a footman came to extricate the travellers, she called out, "John, the black ones are mine, the black ones are mine!"

The same gag is repeated in the

Reroasting old chestnuts from 'Punch'

WITH PREJUDICE
ALEX BERLYNE



"I used your soap two years ago, since then I have used no other." (1884)

story of Archbishop Trench who complained at a dinner party: "Come at last, come at last — total insensibility of the right limb." The lady next to him relieved his mind: "It may comfort you to know that it is my leg you've been pinching all this time."

SURPRISINGLY, the Victorians could be uninhibitedly bawdy at times. Sexual humour flourished and a number of magazines, "The Town," "The Exquisite," and "The Pearl," were devoted entirely to smut.

They outdistanced today's permissive publications in that they included the Throne in the innuendo. A typical example pretends to describe Her Majesty's supper after her marriage to Albert. "Her Majesty now nightly enjoys a German sausage, lately imported, the stuffing of which she has been pleased to describe to her friends as superlatively delicious."

But this was comparatively subtle stuff. The average Victorian dirty joke never got beyond the Fifth Form level. For example, a girl confesses tearfully to her father that she is pregnant. "Well, I'm buggered," the dazed parent says. "Oh Papa," sobs the girl, "what an unfortunate family we are."

I FIRST KNEW "Punch" when it was edited for bawds, the naïve and the prematurely old. R.G.G. Price, the "Punch" historian confirms my impression of the magazine during the Thirties, calling it "a humorous periodical aimed at the un-humorous," a situation which he compares to a musical periodical edited for the tone-deaf.

It hadn't always been dull. Founded in 1841 by a bunch of Bohemians whose life-style was straight out of the pages of Henri Murger, it was very irreverent and downright disrespectful in its early years. Only after it was successfully established did it begin to climb the social ladder, though for a long time it didn't lose its social conscience.

The magazine's most courageous blow for the downtrodden (and exploited females, at that) was the publication of Thomas Hood's "Song of the Shirt."

"Punch" invented the term "cartoon," and many of the more entertaining forms of humour, like the

mock textbook or examination paper, were pioneered in its pages. Incidentally, Sellers and Yeatman's "1066 and All That" first appeared in "Punch" along with other articles by the irrepressible pair. In one, for example, they announced their simple and appealing discovery that the horse is the only animal you can knock nails into.

George and Weedon Grossmith first published "The Diary of a Nobody" in "Punch" and P.G. Wodehouse wrote for the magazine regularly early in the century. By the time I came to know it, however, it was brimming over with an appalling mixture of xenophobia, class hatred and whimsy. A. A. Milne and Rose Fyleman (of "There are Fairies at the Bottom of My Garden" fame) were regular contributors.

In its favour it must be said that "Punch" didn't raise its price from 1917 to 1968 and that it pioneered the short, cutting review. Dismissing a P.C. Wren novel in 1913 a reviewer wrote "A poorer tale I've never seen than *Devo and Mildeu* (Longman's, Green).

As social history it is superb. The drawings of John Leech, Richard Doyle, Charles Keene, John Tenniel, George du Maurier and Phil May are far more evocative than the photographs of the period which are currently all the rage. You can see "Punch" drawings decorating the titles of "Upstairs, Downstairs" on Jordan TV on Monday nights, jessed up with Art Nouveau frames.

"PUNCH'S" OLD CHESTNUTS live up to the policy announced in the first issue, which promised "a refuge for the thousands of orphan jokes... the millions of perishing puns which are now wandering about without so much as a shelf to rest upon." Some of them were new when first published and in time achieved the status of minor classics, though it's sometimes difficult to decide which are the classics and which are the clichés.

In 1868 "Punch" printed the archetypal Scotsman story (they didn't get around to dealing with Jews till later): "Feesble Body (to Townsman who was supposed to be in London on a visit) — 'Eh Mac! We're aune hame again! Mac — 'Eh, it's just a rumorous place, that! Man, a had na' been the-erre abune two hours when — bang — went saxe-pence!'"

The lower orders were the butt of many jokes. Perhaps the most famous was an 1884 cartoon later bought by Pears Soap, and used as an advertisement. A stuffy coachman in a cutaway "bumfuzzler" is shown laboriously penning a testimonial: "I used your soap two years ago; since then I have used no other."

Variations on an 1872 joke still appear from time to time. An older sister is asking where the baby is. "Madge: 'In the other room, I think. Emily: 'Bilder of fourteen: 'Go directly and see what she's doing, and tell her we mustn't."

Perhaps the most-quoted joke is the one about the curate having tea with the bishop. "Right Reverend Host: 'I'm afraid you've got a bad egg, Mr. Jones. The Curate: 'Oh no, my Lord, I assure you! Parts of it are excellent!'"

Other memorable lines have found their way into the "Dictionary of Quotations." There's the 1885 cartoon about the young wife seeking advice about a bad-tempered husband who neglects her: "Widow: 'Feed the brute!'"

The one about the vicar's wife visiting an aged parishioner first appeared in 1906. She asks how he manages to occupy the time. "Well, Mum, sometimes I sits and thinks; and then again I just sits."

I SUPPOSE there are still older jokes in Aristophanes and in Chaucer but "Punch" is better suited to Chestnut Corner, I think, than remote antiquity.

Anyway, that should keep the wife quiet for a while.

SOLZHENITSYN PAYS A CAGEY VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

MICHAEL DAVIE / LONDON

ONE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT it scarcely possible for someone as instantly recognisable as Alexander Solzhenitsyn to spend ten days in Britain virtually unnoticed. He came on a private visit, and the people he has been dealing with kept it very private, apparently at Solzhenitsyn's express command. He is capable of awe-inspiring explosions of emotion, and his contacts here have been noticeably nervous about incurring his wrath.

He and his second wife, Natalya, arrived in London in the last week of February by train, at Victoria Station, a method carefully chosen to keep him away from reporters. Then he went to stay near Windsor, where he was based for five days. He visited Windsor Castle, as a tourist, and Eton College. He gave no sign that he is thinking of sending his four sons to the school, though he must be one of the few parents who could pay the fees out of income.

He went to Stratford, to see Shakespeare's birthplace, which disappointed him. At a house in the country, he recorded an interview for the BBC's *Panorama*. He also went to Oxford, where he lunched with Sir Isaiah Berlin, and Max Hayward, one of his many translators.

Moving to London, the Solzhenitsyns were guests of honour at a small reception given by Collins, the publishers. Afterwards, they went to see Henry V at the Aldwych, where one of the actors thought he recognised Solzhenitsyn in the audience.

Why did he come? His most trusted contact in Britain was a discreet grey-haired man named Janis Sabiets, who works for the BBC Russian Service at Bush House. When Solzhenitsyn was dramatically expelled from the Soviet Union, Sabiets, being a Russian speaker, was sent on the story by the BBC. Besieged by the world's Press and television, Solzhenitsyn was seeing nobody. Sabiets delivered a note saying that he was from the BBC, and ten minutes later, to his surprise, was ushered into the house.

Solzhenitsyn, it turned out, was a regular listener to the BBC's Russian Service (as he still is), and was particularly attracted to Sabiets because, oddly, Sabiets happened to be a minister of the Church of Scotland and had given many religious broadcasts, some of which had been heard by Solzhenitsyn.

Like all the others connected with the visit, Sabiets has been extremely cagey about it, though in fact there is nothing to be particularly cagey about. Solzhenitsyn came to see his translators, whose work he could not control while he was still in Russia, his publishers, and to record three programmes for the BBC.

THE GREAT MAN, now 57, makes a powerful physical impression. He is both shorter and younger than one expected. At the Collins reception he wore a green suit with an oatmeal-coloured roll-neck sweater. The next day he was dressed in a black suit with four buttons up the front and, largely concealed by his beard, a white shirt with a pale silver tie. His black shoes shone. He wore a wristwatch with a plain brown strap, carried a pair of spectacles in his breast pocket, and two ball-point pens and scraps of paper in the right-hand pocket of his coat. The thumb of his right hand has been crushed.

His hair is fine, sandy, and receding. His complexion is ruddy. The beard is grey-black. His whole

frame seems packed with concentration, and even if one did not know his history of 11 years of imprisonment and forced labour, one might well sense him to be a man of exceptional endurance and courage. His appearance is reminiscent, not so much of Charlton Heston as Moses, but of the great Victorians. When he glares, which he sometimes does, particularly when he gets the feeling that someone is trying to put something over on him, he looks formidable.

He and his wife went to the House of Commons to listen to the Prime Minister's question time. Outside the St. Stephen's entrance, there were far more police than one would have wished to be on duty when a refugee from a police state comes to see how the British conduct their affairs in the world's first parliamentary democracy. Mrs. Solzhenitsyn's handbag was searched.

He was attentive, even though he arrived while the Minister of Agriculture was answering questions about the decline in beef herds. He leaned his head on his hand while Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Conservative leader Margaret Thatcher had an acrimonious, point-scoring exchange about the best way to persuade the governments of Eastern Europe to allow people out of their countries. It occurred to me that if the House had been aware of the suffering presence in the shadows, its performance on this subject might have seemed less like part of a game. Wilson, too, might have been less boastful about the effectiveness of his own interventions in support of political dissidents.

NATALYA SOLZHENITSYN is not much less striking person than her husband. She is a handsome woman in her early thirties, with a wide mouth and a distinct air of chic. She told me, in halting English, that she had spent part of the morning at the National Gallery, looking at the Italian paintings. She admired the Aldwych Henry V, Russian productions of Shakespeare, she said, were always traditional.

The children, she told me, were being looked after by her mother-in-law, house near Zurich. Like her husband, who seems very conscious of the passage of time, regularly glancing at his watch or examining his notes and his diary, Mrs. Solzhenitsyn seems to feel under pressure. They worked 15 or 16 hours a day. She checks her husband's writing and types it. By training, she is a mathematician, and said that her understanding of English was mainly limited to mathematical terminology.

Talking to people who have been seeing Solzhenitsyn here, I began to sense, I thought, the nature of his reaction to the West. One man said he thought Solzhenitsyn was aware that people in the West now react to his name with much more interest than they listen to his message. He prefers television to newspaper interviews because in that way he can be sure that his message goes out in a form that he himself can control.

We picked up a few more items about him. He smokes heavily; he likes sausages on sticks. He works constantly; his life is either walking (he usually starts his day with a walk) or working. Even when he drove to Stratford he was scribbling with his ball-point. He goes to bed early and gets up early. He likes chopping wood. Asked if he watched television, he raised his hands in horror at the thought. (Oms)

ISRAEL PRESS

Provocation on Temple Mount

DAVAE (Histadrut) comments on the recent attempt by members of the Betar movement to pray on the Temple Mount: "The demonstration was not in place and can only lead to friction with the Arab population." The paper supports the police action against the demonstrators.

HA'ARETZ (independent), on the same subject, writes: "Such action can only give ammunition to those

who seek to undermine Israel's administration of a united Jerusalem."

AL HAMISHMAE (Mapam), commenting on the argument between the Treasury and the Defence Ministry, points out that Mapam will "in spite of everything" vote in favour of the budget. "The party will do so," says the paper, "because of the political circumstances in which our country finds itself at present..."

DETERRENT TO IMMIGRATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I agree with Mr. Joseph Morgenstern that it is detrimental to Israel to have recent arrivals keep their capital outside Israel. Let us see why immigrants keep their foreign currency outside the country. The main reason is the regulation which requires them to bring all their foreign currency and assets into Israel by the end of the 10th year of their residence. The free

currency account for the first 10 years is offered as a privilege, but it is instead a "fear factor" since these funds will thereafter be available only in Israeli currency.

Immigrants have left the country rather than face this regulation. I know of people who do not come to settle for this reason. I also know that others remain tourists although they spend the major part of each year here.

If I transfer all my money to Israel after the 10 year period, I'll have it available only in Israeli pounds. After a lifetime of saving, I will be reduced to visiting our many relatives in the U.S. and Europe with only \$450 in my pocket. Why should I become a poor relative that has to "schmorner" in order to spend time with them?

KURT MARCUS
Kfar Witkin.

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